



PROGRAM ASSISTANT / TEACHING ARTIST

EPOCH GENERATION - TEEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

JOB DESCRIPTION

In Tandem Arts (ITA) is an arts incubator and experiential learning provider dedicated to advancing the performing arts through experimentation & collaboration. We use storytelling to build community, bring social issues to light, and to challenge the cultural imagination. *Epoch Generation* is a creative incubator to generate new narratives for a new epoch of performance. An intensive workshop and education program led by teens, *Epoch* is a team environment for research and experimentation. The process is a challenge to translate true stories into fiction by staging and producing an original work over the course of several weeks. Meeting on Tuesdays & Thursdays for 10-weeks in the Fall and 12-weeks in the Spring, *Epoch* becomes a supported space for understanding our shared cultural narratives and learning something deeper about ourselves as individuals within a larger group.

ITA is seeking a Teaching Artist who has a background in the performing arts to support the general program needs of *Epoch Generation*. The Program Assistant / Teaching Artist will work with 8-12th grade students in our South End studio from September 2022 - May 2023, with an option to renew the position in June of next year. This person will work closely with both the students and the Program Director to facilitate the creation of an interdisciplinary, original, student-led performance. The performance will be participatory, immersive, site-specific, or multimedia in nature. This role requires constant bravery to model "the work", mentor and serve as a sounding-board for the students, as well as have the ability to step back and encourage student leadership. All mediums will be considered, but we will give priority to performing artists with a background in theater, movement, or dance. We are especially interested in folks with prior experience as teaching artists or those with experience in interdisciplinary arts instruction. Primary qualifications are someone that is highly creative, forward-thinking, versatile, and above all, collaborative.

Epoch Generation is a pilot program in the 2022-23 academic school year. ITA has partnered with Media Factory and Vermont Afterschool in an effort to grow and establish this fledgling project. We hope to cast someone in this role that is interested in contributing to *Epoch's* growth as a program and is comfortable helping to shape its "systems" of operation.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience practicing and facilitating an artistic discipline
- Strong commitment to inclusion and accessibility in creative spaces
- Experience mentoring or working with youth
- Tech savvy, ability to integrate an iphone or ipad into your work
- Ability to document creative work, basic photo and video editing skills
- Generating content for social media, basic digital storytelling skills
- Background in stage performance - knowledge of what it takes to stage a show
- Exposure to choreography - knowledge of how to organize movement
- Confidence with setting up basic production gear - lights, sound, and projection

DUTIES

- Minimal outreach/communications to make new community connections and recruit program participants; follow-up passed along by Program Director
- Tracking inventory of water, snacks, and program supplies each week. Refilling water jugs at co-op. Communicating with Everyone Eats about meal delivery
- Modeling and/or leading improvisational ensemble and team-building games planned with Program Director. **Attending all Tues & Thurs rehearsals**
- Mentoring youth and being a sounding board for concerns / challenges
- Participating in professional development workshops and trainings
- Source / review student selection of music for soundtrack design and dance
- Document (photo and video) creative process when appropriate
- Use Canva and/or graphic design apps to generate content for social media
- Occasionally generate / curate posts for In Tandem Arts website
- Co-facilitate dialogue / forum meetings when a social issue arises in the group
- Promote final event with direction from the youth leadership on branding

COMPENSATION

- \$25 / hr (this position is grant funded and rate is non-negotiable)
- Professional Development Workshops
- Free Meals on Teaching Days
- Training and access to mediamaking gear at Media Factory

ANTICIPATED HOURS

Fall 2022	Spring 2023
10 hours per week - planning hours (6 weeks) Aug 15-Sept 16 + Dec 5-Dec 9	10 hours per week - planning hours (5 weeks) Jan 2-Jan 27 + May 15-May 19
8 hours per week - teaching and producing (10 weeks) Sept 20-Dec 3, 2022	8 hours per week - teaching and producing (12 weeks) Jan 31-May 13, 2023
TOTAL HOURS: 140	TOTAL HOURS: 146

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please **email your resume and a 1-3 minute video** to introduce yourself and let us know why you think you are a good fit for this role. Application deadline is August 26th and interviews will take place in Burlington in Mid-August / Early-September. Email application to Trish Denton at info@intandemarts.com