

Showcase Director – Job Description

About the Event

The AYCO Festival is a multi-day gathering of youth circus students, educators, and professionals featuring workshops, performances, and community-building experiences.

Role Summary

Manages planning and execution of festival showcases, including application process, performer coordination, and show delivery.

Key Responsibilities

- Manage application and selection process
- Communicate with performers
- Create act order and show flow
- Coordinate technical needs with rigging/tech staff
- Support rehearsals and oversee performances
- Maintain a safe, inclusive performance environment
- Contribute to debrief

Team Collaboration & Shared Responsibility

All staff are part of the larger festival team and share responsibility for the overall success of the event. While each role has specific areas of focus, the nature of a live, community-centered event requires flexibility, collaboration, and a willingness to step in where needed.

- Collaborate across teams to support a smooth and positive participant experience
- Communicate openly about needs, challenges, and capacity
- Contribute to a culture of mutual support and shared problem-solving
- Take on additional tasks, as needed, to support the overall success of the event

Qualifications

- Experience with performance production or stage management
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to manage timelines and live-event dynamics

Time Commitment

Pre-event: ~20–30 hours

On-site: Full participation during festival

Compensation & Support

Honorarium: \$1,500

Travel stipend: \$500

Housing and meals provided

Equity & Inclusion

AYCO is committed to building a more just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive circus community. We encourage applicants from historically underrepresented backgrounds in circus, including BIPOC artists and educators, and value lived experience, community knowledge, and diverse perspectives.

How to Apply

Complete the application found here by 5:00 pm on May 22, 2026:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnBIXC5SMg0Q9_2guEgXHsxu-xdfxRiRzaIVYH6tW4osWo0w/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=107342252615205016032