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IN THE WINGS

Arts-in-Education Program

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Welcome to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's IN THE WINGS Arts-in-Education Program. We are honored to have your school or social service agency join us for an exciting season of theater!

Purpose of IN THE WINGS

The goal of IN THE WINGS is to enrich the educational experience of youth through the medium of the Theater Arts. The core of the IN THE WINGS Program is to provide free tickets to children and their families for special IN THE WINGS performances of Civic Theatre productions. We believe that this exposure is, for many, an unfamiliar art form, which will spark creativity, produce lasting impressions, and reap many benefits.

The Underserved

The IN THE WINGS program is set up to especially target underserved youth and their families through schools and social service agencies with 501(c) (3) status who may be economically disadvantaged, at-risk types, or borderline. It will be a great investment in the future of our community to ignite a spark of theater magic in the lives of these special individuals. On stage or off, theater is an excellent channel for self-exploration and an exciting adventure for the imagination. It is our hope to have these young people in attendance for years to come.

Although attendance at these special performances is central to the program, we consider it only a single facet of the program. A number of activities that compliment and expand on this foundation are available.

Talkbacks are always held after each IN THE WINGS performance for the audience to have a chance to chat with the actors, crews, and directors and ask questions about the rehearsal process, set design and construction, costumes, and any other aspects of the productions. We urge you to stay and participate.

Study guides are written for each main stage show and contain plot synopses, playwright and composer biographies, show reviews, interesting show trivia, library references, websites, and quizzes with answer keys. They are ideal for teachers to incorporate into their curricula and can be accessed at the Civic Theatre website – fwcivic.org.

Backstage tours are offered free of charge throughout the year. Let our technical staff take your group throughout the Arts United Center facility – from the scene shop and prop storage in the basement to the fly rail and lighting bays high above the stage.

Workshops on auditioning, makeup, musical theatre, movement, costuming, scenic design and technical aspects of theatre can all be arranged to suit your individual program.

Internships are available for students in the different departments of the theatre. The Civic Theatre is willing to work with your organization to set up programs that can even be done for school credit. The scene shop and costume shop can take up to two interns at a time, two to three times a week.

Volunteers needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help behind the scenes throughout the production process. This is a great opportunity for learning and community involvement while possibly earning extra credit (if you desire to set up your program in this manner). Volunteers are needed to construct and paint sets, make costumes, work backstage during shows, run flies and lights as well as help dress actors for quick scene changes.

If you, or your organization, are interested in volunteering in the scene shop, contact Ben Roney, technical director/production manager, at the Civic Theatre: 422-8641, ext. 227.

Ushers needed

Ushers are always needed at performances to assist in distribution of programs, seating patrons, and selling pop and cookies at intermission. Having students serve as ushers teaches them the business aspect of theatre, teamwork, and skills in dealing with the public.

If you, or your organization, are interested in participating as ushers, contact our marketing director, Kathy Todoran, at the Civic Theatre: 422-8641, ext. 224 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Scheduling for ushers is done well in advance. All ushers are asked to report to the lobby of the Civic Theatre (A.U.C.) one-hour before curtain. School coordinators are asked to call when scheduling ushering dates as a group. Otherwise, individual students may schedule personal ushering dates themselves. Ushers must be no younger than 14 years of age.