

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP 2019 STAGECRAFT PROGRAM (Free!)

Student Interns (Ages 15 – 17) and Adult Volunteers (Ages 18+) Welcome

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From “Magic in the Attic”, 2018.
Photo by Imani Jackson.

Creative Kids Camp is an arts-based summer day camp at the historic Greenbelt Community Center, a New Deal landmark where campers ages 6-12 rotate through hourly classes in visual art, music, dance, drama, ceramics and recreational activities. There are four consecutive, two-week sessions of Creative Kids Camp during the summer. Each session of camp culminates in an original musical theater production in which 80-100 campers, interns, and camp staff perform. All four sessions of camp perform the same show, although the production grows more complex each session and some of the song selections may change!

Teen and adult stagecraft artists create original costumes, masks, props, puppets and set elements as needed for the camp shows, and have the satisfaction of seeing their work come to life on stage. Our original artwork is exciting for the actors, helping them get into character and broadening their range of performance skills. Audiences are delighted by the magical worlds which the entire cast and crew create together through fast-paced, interdisciplinary collaboration.

Stagecraft artists work primarily with each other and with a staff mentor in our production studio. Interns and volunteers also assist backstage during dress rehearsals and performances. While projects are under construction, stagecraft artists will work for extended periods in the studio without constant staff supervision, although staff are available if questions or issues arise.



From “Hidden Lands”, 2015.
Photo by Beverly Palau.



From “Summer Circus”, 2016. Photo by Kate Magill Robinson.

The stagecraft program is a great opportunity for individuals who:

- Are interested in 2D and 3D visual arts and theater arts
- Are self-starters who can work well both independently and with collaborators
- Are reliable and can commit to completing projects on deadline with attention to detail

Teen Internships

Stagecraft internships are unpaid positions for which students can earn service hour credits. Interns must be 15 years of age by the start of the camp session when they intend to participate.

Interns are asked to commit to working at least 3 days per week in the studio, for a minimum of three hours per day, for at least one complete camp session (two weeks). Interns may be invited to continue in the stagecraft program for additional sessions, according to their interest and availability and the needs of the camp. Schedules are set on a weekly basis with participating artists' input.



From "Message to Tomorrow", 2014. Photo by Eric Zhang.

Please complete the online stagecraft internship application as soon as possible; projects are planned based on our anticipated workforce. Teens are strongly encouraged to complete the application themselves. Please note: this is different from the Creative Kids Camp internship, posted separately, in which interns work directly with the campers in their classes.

Adult Volunteers



From "Hercules and Hippolyta", 2013. Photo by Eric Zhang.

Don't be shy! This is great fun, and you deserve to have a wonderful time this summer. No previous stagecraft experience or specialized artistic skills are required, although both are appreciated. You do not need to be affiliated with a camper in order to participate. For adult volunteers, the minimum required commitment will be project-based rather than a set number of hours in studio. Projects will be assigned based on individuals' interests, skills and availability. Adult volunteers may have the option of "checking out" projects to work on at home as well as enjoying flexible studio access. **As early as possible, please email Nicole at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov to express your interest.** Projects are planned based on our anticipated workforce. Nicole will follow up with you.

Camp Session Dates:

Session One: June 17- June 28
Session Two: July 1 – July 12
Session Three: July 15 – July 26
Session Four: July 29 – August 9

This Year's Production

Each session of camp will culminate in a production of Christopher Cherry's original musical, "Hercules and Hippolyta". Together, our protagonists go on a quest to discover the true nature of heroism. Along the way, they rescue the noble titan Prometheus, defeat the bullying Big Bad Boar, and capture the Golden Hind, an enchanted deer who can grant any wish. How Hercules and Hippolyta decide to use the wish is the final test of whether they are heroes.



From "Hercules and Hippolyta", 2013. Photo by Eric Zhang.