



Art Internships for High School Students

MPS Arts Internship Program

Through partnerships between MPS and local arts organizations, the MPS Arts Internship program will provide high school students with paid internship opportunities to explore careers in the arts while also gaining practical and applicable job skills and work experience.

Arts Internships will span a total of at least 40 hours and will take place during after school, weekend and summer hours from now until the end of summer 2010. Interns will be paid \$8 per hour and provided with bus tickets or a bus pass. Each student intern will work closely with a supervisor/mentor, will be offered opportunities to attend job readiness training sessions and will strive toward the following objectives:

- become more prepared for future work experience
- gain confidence in applying for future jobs
- learn new skills and abilities in the area of focus of their internship
- gain a deeper understanding of the production and work that goes into completing a work of art or project in the area of focus of their internship.

Who can apply:

To apply for an MPS Arts Internship you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be a resident of the City of Milwaukee
- Be currently enrolled in high school
- It is preferred, but not required, that applicants qualify for free or reduced school lunch.

To Apply:

Read the internship descriptions on pages 2-4. Contact the organization you are interested in working with for more information. Send the following application materials to the address of the organization you would like to apply to work with:

- **Arts Internship Student Application form (page 5 of this document)**
- A letter of interest stating why you want the internship and what you have to offer the organization
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers
- Any other information requested by the arts organization
- Some organizations have posted deadlines for applications, please be sure to get your application in on time! If no deadline is indicated, call or e-mail the contact to find out when you need to send your application in.

*If you are hired and are under 18, please remember you may need to obtain a work permit. Visit this website for more information:

http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/er/labor_standards_bureau/work_permits.htm

Read on for more information about what internships are available and how to apply.





African American Children's Theatre

Academy of Theatre Training and Leadership Development Internship (2 positions): These internships will support our weekly Academy afterschool program at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, the Parklawn YMCA, and/or the Northside Branch YMCA. Interns must be available after school from 4 -6 p.m. or 5 – 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays. Primary duties will include assisting professional artist/educators in classroom preparation, greeting parents and students, serving as a teaching assistant, and other activities such as maintaining attendance records. Depending on level of experience, skills, interest, and availability, interns may also provide assistance with shows (weekend performances), including box office support; distributing posters; helping to build props, costumes, and sets; assisting the stage manager, help set up/strike sets; learning performance skills, including acting, music/rhythms, and dance; how to work as a team, and/or general duties supporting the rehearsal/production process with the cast and crew.

Contact: Constance Clark at 414-324-9821 or e-mail americanplays@aol.com

To apply: Send application materials, including MPS Arts Internship Application Form, Letter of Interest, and a Letter of Recommendation, as soon as possible (internships run March through June) to: Constance Clark, African American Children's Theatre, 325 W. Walnut, Milwaukee WI 53212

Website: <http://www.aact.us>

Artists Working in Education (AWE)

Part-time High School Interns will assist in delivery of hands-on art activities with children ages 4-14 through AWE's Truck Studio summer outreach program. AWE Truck Studios are a fleet of four brightly painted trucks loaded with art supplies bringing free art experiences to children at parks and playgrounds in under served Milwaukee neighborhoods every weekday afternoon from June 27 to August 5, 2011. High School Interns will work in teams under a Lead Artist to provide meaningful art activities in informal outdoor settings. Required training will be held on Friday evening, June 18 and all day Saturday, June 19. Must have a strong interest in art and enjoy working with children in an outdoor setting. For more information please go to: www.awe-inc.org and click "Opportunities with AWE" and the "MPS Arts Internship application" link. Deadline: May 2nd, 2011.

To apply: Send application materials by **May 2nd, 2011** to Mary Osmundsen, Artists Working in Education, 2819 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee WI 53208 AWE has a required supplemental application that can be downloaded from our website.

Contact: Mary Osmundsen at (414) 933-3877 or e-mail mary@awe-inc.org

Website: www.awe-inc.org



Discovery World

Interns will receive training in a variety of areas of artistic endeavor and be provided the opportunity to work under the direction of skilled educators to assist summer workshop and camp participants in the planning, production and presentation of their classroom productions. This opportunity will assist interns in developing their knowledge of artistic production as well as enhancing their job readiness skills developed through active collaboration and ongoing evaluation by Discovery World lead educators as well as our summer educational staff and area professionals involved in the program. Interns will be provided a hands-on opportunity to learn art, design and production skills in the areas outlined through direct participation. Through training and post internship evaluation they will also receive valuable feedback relative to their job readiness skills.

The student interns will be required to pick a minimum of one art related summer camp to assist and participate in each week. The summer camps run through the weeks of June 20 – August 26. There will also be a mandatory training session during the week of June 13 – June 17.

To apply: Please submit a cover letter/letter of interest and reference or referral from a teacher by Friday, May 6, 2011. Student applicants may be contacted once letter of interest and reference is received to schedule an initial interview. Applicants will also be required to attend an exit interview which will include a professional critique and evaluation of job readiness skills.

Contact: Meghan Forseth, Summer Camp Coordinator, 500 North Harbor Drive, Milwaukee WI, 53202 or mforseth@discoveryworld.org

Website: www.discoveryworld.org

Express Yourself Milwaukee (EYM)

EYM celebrates the power of the creative arts to transform the lives of underserved youth in the Milwaukee urban community. Interns who work with EYM will not only be encouraged to explore and deepen their own expression for personal and artistic development, but will gain a variety of work experience and job readiness skills. Interns will play an active role in the final stages of our annual community performance in May, witnessing first hand the many steps involved in pre-production of a major performance. They will be encouraged to add to the final development of various performance and set design pieces as well as helping youth continue to build confidence and stage presence. Interns will also be encouraged to take on leadership roles during show week as well as share their own talents as performers along side other youth. Internship runs from March 28 - August 5, 2011 and the schedule is varied, Monday Open Studio (3:15-6:30p), 2 Saturdays a month (March & April 10:30a-3:30p), additional evening hours around show week and Summer Arts Camps (Tues-Thurs 8:30a-4p).

To apply: Send application materials by Monday, March 21 to ATTN: Arts Internship, Express Yourself Milwaukee, 3331 W Lisbon Ave, Milwaukee WI 53208 – Interviews held March 23-25.

Contact: Holly Haebig at holly@expressyourselfmilwaukee.org or Lori Vance at lori@expressyourselfmilwaukee.org or call 414-272-3498.

Website: www.expressyourselfmilwaukee.org



First Stage Children's Theater

Theater Academy Internship: This internship will support the Theater Academy during high programming days. Duties will include assisting in classroom preparation, greeting parents and students, serving as a teaching assistant as necessary and other administrative duties as needed.

Contact: Erin Wood at 414-267-2973 or e-mail ewood@firststage.org

To apply: Send MPS application, letter of interest, and a reference or referral from a teacher- preferably an art, music, dance or drama teacher to: Erin Wood at First Stage Children's Theater, 325 W. Walnut, Milwaukee WI 53212.

Website: <http://www.firststage.org/jobs/internshipopportunities.asp>

Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM)

In conjunction with the city's declaration of 2011 as the *Summer of China*, the Milwaukee Art Museum invites Milwaukee-area teens interested in the arts and arts careers to apply for a paid eight-week summer internship. Six teens will be selected to lead interactive experiences for children ranging from 4-12 years old in the *Summer of China* exhibitions, and participate in weekly seminars including topics such as: arts education, the "behind the scenes" operations of the Museum, and careers in the arts. The internship will take place between June 27-August 19, 2011. The ideal candidate is a rising junior, rising senior, or recent graduate who loves art, has an interest in art education, wants to work with younger students, and collaborate with peers.

To apply: Send application materials by **May 3, 2011** to Laci Coppins, Coordinator of School Programs Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee WI 53202. MAM has a required supplemental application that can be downloaded from the website.

Contact: Laci Coppins, (414) 224-3818 or e-mail laci.coppins@mam.org

Website: http://www.mam.org/learn/details/teens_teenInternship.php

Milwaukee Public Theatre

Theatre Internships will include working with an MPT Producer/Director on an upcoming production, special event and/or MPT's Ajula Performance Troupe. Depending on level of experience and interest, duties may include: assisting with planning sessions/ workshops/rehearsals, learning dance and/or circus routines, learning performing and/or technical production skills; managing costume and prop inventory. (Exact schedule TBD)

All-City People's Parade and Pageant: duties may include, depending on level of experience, assisting lead artists and children/families in construction of masks, puppets and floats; helping to set up/strike work spaces and parade venues, organizing materials, helping to supervise projects, assist with community forums and videography, outreach and communication; public speaking; serving as parade marshals. Take part in community workshops throughout the summer, with mini-parades at Summerfest Kid's Day, Gordon Park and one other neighborhood venues as well as a major parade on Labor Day. (Exact schedule TBD)

Learning areas include: public presentation and speaking skills, non-verbal communication skills, supportive team building skills, movement for optimal health and fitness, how to support the rehearsal and production process, and learning the technical aspects of theatre and event production.

How to apply: Submit a letter of interest and a reference or referral from a teacher – preferably an art, music, dance, or drama teacher or communications, come to an audition/interview, date/time TBD

Contact information: Please call MPT office: 414-347-1685; email: mptheatre2@gmail.com

Website: www.milwaukeepublictheatre.org



Still Waters Collective

Still Waters Collective is looking for a creative enthusiastic teen for their paid part-time internship position. As the SWC intern, the selected candidate will be responsible for assisting the Marketing Coordinator with basic office duties such as data retention, file management and reception duties. The intern will also be responsible for updating all social networking sites and assistance with all events for youth and some adult events to include an awards event held at the Stackner Cabaret Theater. SWC staff will serve as mentors and supervisors for the intern during their employment. All applications must be received by April 25, 2011. The work schedule for the intern will be discussed as part of the interview process. The internship starts May 22, 2011 through August 29, 2011.

To apply: send application materials by May 1, 2011 to Deaduri Gales, Still Waters Collective, 300 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212

Contact: Deaduri Gales, (414) 265-1500 or email deaduri@stillwaterscollective.com

Website: www.stillwaterscollective.com

Wild Space Dance Company

Interns working with Wild Space Dance Company will assist in the teaching and guidance of the company's Summer Creative Arts Intensive's 5th through 8th grade students at Lincoln Center Middle School and at 5 Milwaukee field trip locations. WSDC Interns will develop skills and techniques in arts education through assisting our skilled professional staff in the instruction of Dance, Theater, and Visual Arts classes. The selected interns will begin on June 20th and will continue throughout the 5 week summer arts program ending on July 22nd (a total commitment of two week days per week from 9 am until noon for five weeks). Prior experience with Dance, Theatre, Music, Visual Arts, Creative Writing, studies in Social Psychology, and/or interest in teaching and mentoring students is preferred. All candidates should submit the MPS application form, a letter of interest and a reference or referral from a teacher – preferably an art, music, dance, or drama teacher. A DVD (of dance, theatre, music performance/rehearsal) or images (of visual/digital artworks) may also be submitted.

To apply: Send application materials no later than Friday May 20, 2010 to Wild Space Dance Company, c/o Summer Internships, P.O. Box 511665, 820 East Knapp Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Contact: Managing Director: Richard T. Clark, 414-271-0307, FAX: 414-271-6087, info@wildspacedance.org

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Summer Camp Internships - Summer camp interns will support the delivery of our weekly summer camp offerings. Duties will include assisting with daily camp preparations, assisting students and families, and occasionally serving as a teaching assistant or section coach. Current High School band and orchestra students are encouraged to apply.

Photography Internship – A Photography intern will assist in building our photo collection of student recitals, classes and lessons, summer camps, faculty concerts and Conservatory events. These will be mostly action shots but some will be posed shots. Most photos will be taken at the Conservatory's main branch at 1584 N. Prospect Avenue on the Eastside. The Intern will learn the process of using photos within an arts organization from taking the photo, to editing, to preparing it for production or use on the internet. For administrative duties, intern will also help to archive our photography collection and keep our social networking sites updated with photos.

To Apply: Send a letter of interest, 2011 MPS Arts Internship Student Application and reference letter from an MPS teacher to:

Contact: Max Day, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, 1584 N. Prospect Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53202 414/459-3455, maxoday@wcmusic.org

Website: www.wcmusic.org



2011 MPS Arts Internship Student Application form:

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the MPS Arts Internship program you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be a resident of the City of Milwaukee
- Be currently enrolled in an MPS high school
- It is preferred, but not required, that applicants qualify for free or reduced school lunch.

To Apply:

Your application packet should be sent directly to the arts organization contact on the internship description (see contacts on next page) and should include the following items:

- This Arts Internship Student Application form
- A letter of interest stating why you want the internship and what you have to offer the organization
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers
- Any other information requested by the arts organization at time of interview or as outlined in the description of the internship

Please fill in the information below.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade as of 2010-2011 school year: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

*If you are over 18, you must also complete a criminal background check prior to work. A background check form will be provided by the arts organization if you are hired.

How did you hear about the MPS Arts Internship Program: _____

Ethnicity, circle one:

African American Caucasian Asian Hispanic Native American Other

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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It is the policy of Milwaukee Public Schools that, as required by section 118.13, Wisconsin Statutes, no person will be denied admission to any public school or be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

This policy also prohibits discrimination under related federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (disability), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability).



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