



## Prescott Circus Theatre

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### **Leading Acrobatics Coach / Teaching Artist**

Prescott Circus Theatre is seeking an experienced acrobatics coach / teaching artist to teach and support Oakland students, primarily ages 8 – 16, in our 35+ year program at Prescott Elementary, middle – high school advancing students, and additional programs. Position is for the 2022-2023 school year and may include summer employment. Experience in act creation, performance production, and / or fundamental ground skills (juggling, equilibristics, dance, etc.) and/or theater arts are a huge plus. BIPOC Teaching Artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

<b>Position:</b>	Acrobatics Coach / Teaching Artist
<b>Job Type:</b>	Non-exempt, at will, seasonal, hourly employee
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$30 - \$45 / hr, direct services with children, DOE; \$25/hr, meetings and prep <i>Possible relocation stipend for the right candidate</i>
<b>Term:</b>	9 months / seasonal. 15-25 hrs/week.
<b>Hiring Timeline:</b>	Accepting applications until position filled

### **About Prescott Circus Theatre**

Prescott Circus Theatre (PCT) is a 37 year old performing arts and youth development organization and one of the country's longest running social circus programs. We provide safe environments for Oakland youth to develop the confidence and skills to thrive on stage, in school, and in life. This is accomplished through no-cost, in depth, school and community based circus and theater arts programs in partnership with professional artists, public schools, and other local organizations. Our students learn and perform juggling, acrobatics, hip hop dance, stilt walking / dancing, Hambone Body Percussion, balancing skills (unicycle, globe, etc.), and more. PCT prioritizes partnerships with public schools where 60% or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Over 90% of our students are children of color. In 2021-2022, we engaged 235 children through 10 school based residencies, a community based Pathways for Older Youth program, and our Circus and Academic Summer program. [www.prescottcircus.org](http://www.prescottcircus.org)

### **About the Teaching Artist Position**

PCT Teaching Artists work in school-day and after-school residencies in partnership with other artists and staff at select Oakland public school sites, September - May. The TA's core role is to deliver a comprehensive circus and theater arts, skill based curriculum rooted in youth development and healing centered best practices. TA's guide youth participants through building supportive relationships, creating original work, produce culminating shows, while centering themselves in proud and powerful ways. As a social circus program, our Teaching Artists prioritize the daily relational and creative process over "product" while also holding high expectations of our students and of ourselves.

### **Schedule**

- August 2022 - September 2, 2022 – onboarding meetings and prep.
- September 12, 2022 – May 23, 2023 teaching three afternoons / week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday plus additional days pending interest and availability
- Possible weekend teaching and event coordination with Performing Company students

- Afterschool and weekend classes are 2-3 hours with 30 minute pre- and post- time for prep and clean up
- Weekly staff meetings that take place over Zoom
- No program November 21 - 25, December 19 – January 3, and April 3 – 5 – however there are sometimes work opportunities during school breaks if desired.

### **Responsibilities**

- Be in alignment with and integrate PCT's mission, vision, culture and practices throughout one's work
- Provide engaging program curriculum in partnership with teaching partners in skill building, theater arts, cross cultural understanding, and peer to peer learning
- Oversee and assist with creating performances in partnership with teaching artists and youth
- Coordinate production needs including music, costuming, props, transportation, and scheduling
- Attend staff meetings and training sessions
- Take attendance, management enrollment, and family communications with support from the Managing Director
- Assist and sometimes take the lead on field trip arrangements with students
- Work with Program Leadership to be in communication with school site leadership and teachers
- Work with Program Leadership to complete mid and final program evaluation

### **Qualifications / Skills**

- 3+ years' experience teaching / coaching youth acrobatics to youth in out-of-school time settings - including the ability to engage students and teach in less-structured environments in acrobatics fundamentals including static body positions and rolls, handstands, towards intermediate skills including front/back handsprings and back tuck.
- Background and/or current practice in performing arts disciplines: circus, theater, dance, spoken word, and/or show production
- Demonstrated experience and success working in multicultural settings, culturally responsive management and teaching rooted in equity
- Ability to collaborate with other people including creatives and people for different backgrounds
- Ability to create lesson and program plans for 2-8 month residency programs
- Ability to consistently communicate with PCT staff, families, youth, and partners in a timely manner through email, phone, and in person
- Experience acting, making decisions, and problem solving independently in workplace environments
- Multilingual, people of color and LGBTQ+ candidates are encouraged to apply

### **How To Apply**

You may express your interest and share qualifications in a number of different ways:

- 1) Send a letter of interest, resume, and, *if possible*, video work sample (links) of self and/or former students demonstrating acrobatic to David Hunt, Executive / Artistic Director.  
Email: [dhunt@prescottcircus.org](mailto:dhunt@prescottcircus.org), subject line: Acro Teaching Artist.  
Mail: Prescott Circus Theatre, 800 Pine St. #10, Oakland, CA 94607 Or mail to Prescott Circus Theatre, 800 Pine St. #10, Oakland, CA 94607
- 2) Send a video, no more than 5 minutes, introducing yourself, reasons for your interest in the position, applicable past experience, and, examples of your qualifications. If possible, please also include a video work sample (links) of self and/or former students demonstrating acrobatic / coaching skills.

**Questions? David Hunt: 415-890-4358 or [dhunt@prescottcircus.org](mailto:dhunt@prescottcircus.org)**

### **Upon hire, must be able to provide**

- Proof of eligibility to work in the U.S.
- Fingerprint clearance
- TB Test clearance and Immunizations
- First Aid and CPR certified (can complete or renew upon hire)

### **Equal Opportunity Employer**

Prescott Circus Theatre values a diverse workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage applicants from women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities, and members of ethnic minorities to apply. Applicants will not be discriminated against because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, religion, national origin, citizenship status, disability, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, medical condition or any protected category prohibited by local, state or federal laws. We will consider employment for qualified applicants with arrest and conviction records excluding convictions involving minors.