



TheaterWorks Application 2016/17

Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, develops and produces great American theater created by today's most gifted, adventurous artists. Each year, more than 55,000 patrons and guests come through our doors to see exceptional productions in our intimate performance spaces, the Joan and Robert Rechnitz Theater and the Marion Huber Theater. Audiences come here knowing that whether we are producing a beloved classic, something brand new, or a rediscovered masterpiece, we are inviting them on an adventure: to experience great stories on stage, engage with us in conversation, and encounter the life of the human spirit in all its shifting modes.

We cultivate a new generation of theatergoers through innovative arts education programs that introduce young people to the theater and create opportunities for them to engage with renowned theater artists. Each year, our education programs and student matinees serve students in over 50 schools across our region. Classroom residencies support academic achievement and, in partnership with area schools and community organizations, we have launched programs that introduce at-risk adolescents to theater.

What is TheaterWorks?

Arts education is central to Two River's commitment to introduce young people to theater, support academic achievement, and cultivate adventure and creativity. TheaterWorks connects students to both the profound content of each production in our season as well as vocational opportunities available in theater through study of the diverse areas of work that goes into putting up a professional play. We facilitate workshops in both community venues and the theater that engage the students in the relevant context of each play, as well as a range of topics from playwriting and stage combat to marketing and fundraising through the artists involved in each production.

Who is involved?

This grant-funded program is designed for at-risk students in school groups or community organizations who seek an engaging and relevant connection to great theater. Past partners have included The Source at Red Bank Regional High School, The Spot at Asbury Park High School, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County, and the Friends in Need Children's Center. Any school or community group with an interest in the content or themes of a show in the Two River season, or a theatrical vocation, is welcome to apply to take part in TheaterWorks.

How can we be a part of TheaterWorks?

School and community groups can apply to take part in TheaterWorks for any show in Two River's season. This includes pre- and post-show workshops surrounding attendance at a Saturday matinee. This program is designed to adapt to the needs and circumstances of each partnering school or community group, so workshops can be scheduled across three separate days, or take place all on one Saturday before and after the matinee. You may indicate on the application which schedule best fits your needs. Submit your applications early as space is limited for each show.

What shows can my students experience this season?

The 2016/17 season offers several exciting options for groups of all ages. Visit the TheaterWorks page under the Education tab on our website (www.tworivertheater.org) for more information about a show's content and available dates.

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TheaterWorks is a grant-funded program for at-risk youth that provides participants with the following package:

1. Pre-Performance Workshop

Students receive an introduction to the play and some “behind the scenes” work that went into it by focusing on a particular theatrical career. This workshop takes place either at your location or at the theater (see the format options below).

2. Free Tickets

Students receive free tickets to a Saturday matinee of a 2016/17 season show. Limited free chaperone tickets are also available.

3. Post-Show Discussion

TRT Teaching Artists and an artist involved in the production lead a discussion with the students after seeing the show and/or a practical activity based on the career focus for that production. This discussion takes place either at your location or at the theater (see the format options below).

The TheaterWorks package can be adapted for each partnering school or organization. Depending on your schedule and needs, you have the option to hold your workshops in one of two formats.

<p>① All in one session:</p> <p>At Two River Theater on the day of the show: 1:30pm Pre-Show Workshop and lunch 3:00pm Saturday Matinee Post-Show Discussion</p> <p><i>*Lunch will be provided by TRT.</i></p>	<p>② Spanning three sessions:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Week Before</td> <td>Saturday</td> <td>Week After</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre-Show</td> <td>Matinee</td> <td>Post-Show</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshop</td> <td>at 3:00pm</td> <td>Discussion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>at your location</td> <td>at TRT</td> <td>at your location</td> </tr> </table>	Week Before	Saturday	Week After	Pre-Show	Matinee	Post-Show	Workshop	at 3:00pm	Discussion	at your location	at TRT	at your location
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To apply, please fill out the application on the next page and submit it no less than two-weeks prior to any of the scheduled TheaterWorks performances. Schools and organizations may apply for more than one show in the season if they choose. Each show is subject to availability. Two River Theater provides funding for transportation to and from each Saturday Matinee upon request.

Two River Theater's education programs are supported in part by The Community Foundation of New Jersey, the Gannett Foundation, the Investors Foundation, the Jorgensen Foundation, The Stone Foundation of New Jersey, and are made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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**Denotes Required Field*

*Name: _____ *School/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Group Size: _____ Grade(s): _____

*Cell Phone: _____ *Email: _____

For which show(s) would you like a TheaterWorks package?

Which workshop style best fits your schedule? Pre and Post-Show workshops at my location (multiple days)
 Pre and Post-Show workshops at the theater (on the designated Saturday matinee date)

How did you hear about this program? _____

In addition to completing this application, please write a brief **Statement of Interest**.

- Statements should help us get to know your school or organization and your students. What is your school/organization's financial and structural situation? From what economic and cultural backgrounds do you students come from? Is this group part of a particular class or club? Do your students have a particular area of interest in theater or career studies? Does your organization have a theater program? Do your students have experience in theater? What interests you in the show(s) you selected? What do you hope your students will get out of the program? One paragraph minimum, one page maximum.

We ask the following of all partners selected for this program: (Please initial that you understand and agree.)

- _____ Secure a designated space in your location for the pre- and post-show workshops (if applicable)
- _____ Communicate with Two River Theater Staff to plan workshops around the matinee date (if applicable)
- _____ Provide an accurate ticket reservation number, and inform us of any changes to final attendance one week prior to the show date
- _____ Ensure that a high percentage of students who attend the show are present at workshops (if applicable)
- _____ Provide an appropriate number of staff to accompany your students throughout the program
- _____ Participate in assessments about the TheaterWorks program

Please submit your application and Statement of Interest to:

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