

Act One & Act Two Director (Ages 6–11)

Job Description

(Rolling Freelance Contract)



Croydon Youth Theatre Organisation (CYTO) are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced **Act One & Act Two Director** to lead our youngest theatre-makers in a rolling freelance role from September.

Act One (ages 6–8) and **Act Two (ages 9–11)** are our weekly drama workshop cohorts, where young people develop performance skills, build confidence and self-belief, and explore a wide range of theatre styles in a fun, inclusive and creative environment.

This is an exciting opportunity for a practitioner who is passionate about inspiring young people and nurturing their creativity through high-quality drama workshops.

About the Role

As the Act One & Act Two Director, you will plan and deliver engaging weekly drama workshops that encourage imagination, collaboration and personal development.

Working with two age groups across the evening, you will create a supportive and inclusive rehearsal environment where every young person feels valued, challenged and able to thrive. Sessions should develop core acting and theatre-making skills while introducing participants to a variety of performance styles, techniques and creative approaches.

You will also evaluate sessions, contribute to the ongoing development of the programme and work closely with the wider CYTO team to ensure a consistently high-quality experience for all participants.

Essential Skills & Experience

Applicants should:

- Have substantial experience working with children aged 6-11yrs in a rehearsal room and/or drama workshop setting.
- Have substantial experience planning, delivering and evaluating engaging drama workshops for children.
- Be confident adapting activities to meet a range of abilities, learning styles and individual needs.
- Be reliable, approachable and a positive, supportive role model for young people.
- Have excellent communication and organisational skills.
- Hold a current DBS certificate, or be willing to undergo a DBS check and safeguarding training.
- Be registered as self-employed and able to invoice for freelance work.

Dates & Times:

Term-time Wednesdays

3.45-4pm - Arrival and briefing

4-5.15pm - Act One session

5.15-5.30pm - Break/Act Two briefing
5.30-7pm - Act Two Session
7-7.15pm - Debrief and evaluation

Autumn Term

- 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th September
- 7th, 14th & 21st October
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November
- 2nd December

(Spring and ongoing term dates to be confirmed.)

Fee

£105 per week

- Two sessions per Wednesday (**£52.50 per session**)
- Equivalent to **£30 per hour**

Role Development

CYTO is fortunate to receive various commissions and additional projects throughout the year. If these occur, we'd discuss the remit of the role and negotiate compensation for additional time-compensation. The ideal candidate will actively seek these opportunities in order to offer new and exciting opportunities for the members.

How to Apply

Please send your **CV and a cover letter**, with "[your name] - Act One and Two Director Application" in the subject line, outlining your relevant experience to andrewmcpherson@cyto.org.uk by 12pm on the 24th August.

Dates and times of this position are non-negotiable, please only apply if you are available for all dates and times.

Next Steps

Candidates will be invited to a practical interview in person at The Shoestring, Oakley Rd, South Norwood, SE25 4XG, where the candidates will facilitate a 10 minute drama exercise to using other candidates and some members of the youth theatre as participants. This will happen during the w/c 31st August.