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ARTS ADMINISTRATION

Community Engagement Manager

The Keegan Theatre

July 2025 - current

- Identify and cultivate outreach partnerships whose missions align with Keegan's mainstage productions
- Plan and execute community-based events such as talkbacks, panels, workshops, open rehearsals, and lobby activations
- Support and design audience enrichment initiatives (post-show discussions, community nights, affinity group events)
- Develop and promote accessible programs within all departments, provide insight and feedback to ensure inclusive practices are followed throughout the organization

Box Office Associate

The Keegan Theatre

June 2025 - October 2025

- Prepare and maintain the front-of-house (FOH) area to create a welcoming and organized rehearsal space for actors and to ensure a high-quality experience for patrons attending performances
- Utilize the Spektrix ticketing system to ensure donors receive their appropriate show perks and benefits when attending performances

Arts Administration Intern

The Keegan Theatre

June 2025 - July 2025

- Propose and develop marketing and partnership opportunities for upcoming productions and programs
- Assist with ongoing theatre development and outreach tasks

Audition Monitor

Pom's Casting

July 2024

- Individually managed the waiting room of the open call, hosting over 100 auditioners
- Ensured a quick and efficient process by keeping an organized and detailed schedule
- Monitored email for questions throughout the day

Social Impact Intern

The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

June 2024 - August 2024

- Worked as showrunner and artist liaison for 15 Millennium Stage performances, hosting 200+ audience members for each show
- Coordinated event planning logistics and day-of operations for 5 Culture Caucus events
- Provided logistical and in-person support for artist residency and community partnership programs

EDUCATION

B.A. Human Services & Social Justice and Theatre

The George Washington University, *Summa Cum Laude*

LEADERSHIP

Artistic Director

Fourteenth Grade Players

January 2022 - December 2024

- Oversaw the artistic vision of multiple stage productions per semester while coordinating day-to-day operations of technical, artistic, and production departments
- Provided continuous feedback and support to the director and actors at weekly rehearsals

Stage Manager - Bertha: Grateful Drag Show

The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

December 2024

- Provided quality artist hospitality for 9 performers throughout the day, ensuring their needs were consistently met
- Communicated with backstage crew regarding show information and logistics

Stage Manager - Local Theatre Festival 2024

The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

August 2024

- Organized the day-of schedule across 6 performance venues in the REACH
- Developed the welcome packets, call sheets, and informational paperwork for 20+ crew members
- Worked with 10 artists and organizations presenting work to ensure an efficient day-of run

Production Assistant - Afghan Youth Orchestra

The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

August 2024

- Collaborated with the Production Manager to host a traveling orchestra performing in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, the building's largest theater
- Supervised 80+ youth performers backstage, monitoring entrance and exit cues