

*Do you love working with kids?
Are you passionate about creating supportive artistic spaces?
Do you believe in the power of performance to help children have fun and gain confidence?*

Consider joining Newton Theatre Kids as an Assistant Director!

Newton Theatre Kids (NTK) Is Looking for Someone Who:

- Connects well with children ages 6-14
- Is dedicated to establishing supportive spaces for children to explore the world of theatre
- Is a flexible, responsible, and creative collaborator
- Has a background in the performing arts

Our Assistant Director Will:

- Work alongside our Director to create a fully-realized production
- Contribute blocking, choreography, and/or ideas for other production elements
- Work with participants on their scenes and songs to ensure maximum confidence
- Provide support as needed during the performance

A Note on Responsibilities: we are open to tailoring the details of this position to the candidate we select. While we do have dedicated Music and Scenic Directors, we want to ensure that our staff members' abilities are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. Please tell us if you have any special skills that may be relevant (dance, technical theatre, etc)

Commitment: NTK has three sessions during the academic year: fall (September–December), winter (January–March), and spring (March–June). Each session meets once a week from 4-5:30 PM for 10-12 weeks. The Assistant Director will be hired on a session-by-session basis. They are expected to minimize conflicts as much as possible, and must be able to attend the performance.

COVID Safety: Our program is entirely in-person. All NTK staff are expected to be fully vaccinated and boosted. Starting in fall of 2022, there will be a vaccination mandate for our participants. Our masking policies tend to fluctuate depending on local case numbers, but our staff and participants are always encouraged to make the choice that feels safest for them. We are committed to protecting the safety of our community while providing an optimal artistic experience.

Diversity Statement: We believe that theatre is for everyone, and we want our staff to reflect that. We encourage queer individuals, people who identify as BIPOC, and people of marginalized genders to apply for this position.

Compensation: Our Assistant Director will be given a stipend of \$750 for the full session. An additional travel stipend may be available depending on need.

Program Philosophy: NTK is committed to fostering a passion for performance in all of our students by creating a supportive, engaging, and fun rehearsal environment. We believe that kids thrive when they feel safe and empowered, and so we do our best to love our kids into the best versions of themselves. We set kids up to succeed by giving them enough material that they can be proud of their accomplishments without feeling overwhelmed. NTK productions should be low-stress, and we do our best to build a cohesive community while meeting individual needs. Previous productions include *Seussical*, *Annie*, *Oklahoma*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and more.

Program Logistics: NTK meets on weekday afternoons from 4-5:30 PM at Saint John's Episcopal Church (96 Otis Street) in Newton. Our Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday classes are open to students in grades 1-5, while our Wednesday class is designated for students in grades 6-8. Each class meets between 10 and 12 times per session, with a performance at 6 PM on the final day of the class. We follow the Newton Public Schools academic calendar and do not meet while they are on vacation, or when they have snow days.

Interested in applying? Send a resume to Director of Education Abby Lass at abbylass@gmail.com and we will be happy to set up an interview. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through September 1st.