



POST-SECONDARY STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

Shakespeare by the Sea Festival Inc. is seeking to hire a **Costume Assistant** for a **280 hour** placement during **May–July 2017** in St. John's, NL. This position is under a SWASP grant that offers an anticipated **\$1505 cash stipend** and a **\$1505 tuition voucher** to the student. Like all positions under SWASP, this position and the exact value of the stipend and tuition voucher are dependent upon on the festival receiving a 2017 SWASP grant.

SWASP positions are designed to provide a training and mentorship opportunity. The student will work closely with an experienced costume designer and show directors, receiving one-on-one mentorship and a hands-on learning experience. The student will actively engage in the design process from concept to final product.

Duties:

- Assist the festival designer in the creation and/or acquisition of all costume items needed for the summer 2017 festival. This may include sourcing raw materials and building items from scratch, employing a range of processes to manipulate textiles; searching costume banks to find and pull relevant items; and shopping in new and used clothing stores for useful items, and modifying items as needed.
- Communicate and collaborate with all members of the production team and cast, including directors, designers, stage managers, and actors.
- Assist in taking measurements and facilitating costume fittings.
- Assist in the organization, storage, maintenance and repair of costume items.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- A strong team player, who also possesses the ability to work under their own initiative.
- A high degree of professionalism, positivity, and strong interpersonal skills.
- Experience manipulating a variety of textile materials for the purpose of building new clothing items from scratch.
- Sewing machine skills are a significant asset (but the candidate is not required to have their own sewing machine).
- An interest in any or all of theatre, costume, fashion, or design is considered an asset.
- A driver's license and access to a vehicle is considered an asset (mileage costs are compensated).

Terms and Conditions:

- To be eligible for a Community Service Council SWASP grant, students must be:
 - Between 15 and 30 years of age;
 - Registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intending to return to school on in the next academic year;
 - Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or have official refugee protection status under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and
 - Legally entitled to work in Canada, according to relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.
- Like all positions funded by SWASP, this position is contingent on the festival receiving funding from the 2017 SWASP program when grants are announced.
- Full terms and conditions will be discussed with those candidates invited to interview and confirmed with the successful applicants in their contract.

How to Apply

Please send resume and cover letter by email to: **Ian Campbell, Artistic Director**

Email: ian@shakespearebytheseafestival.com | Deadline: 5pm (NL Time) Monday, March 27, 2017