

ArtStream seeks part-time Movement Directors to support the artistic, production and acting teams of an ArtStream Inclusive Theater Company. The Movement Director supports the Director's artistic vision by creating movement that lends itself to the given characters, setting, story, and actors' abilities. The Movement Director will also serve as the Dance Captain, performing onstage with the actors.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Montgomery County, MD (Rehearsals in Gaithersburg, MD; Performances in Silver Spring, MD)**

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, November 29, 2016 – June 13, 2017

Tech/Performances: June 19 – 25, 2017

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

Email a cover letter explaining **why you want to work with ArtStream** and a resume to [jobs@art-stream.org](mailto:jobs@art-stream.org). Application will be reviewed on a rolling basis; generic applications will not be reviewed. No phone calls, please.

## **ABOUT ARTSTREAM:**

ArtStream is a regional non-profit organization whose mission is to bring to individuals with disabilities creative and performance opportunities that help them gain the confidence to engage with the world.

ArtStream has six Inclusive Theater Companies that develop and produce original musicals each year based on the ideas and improvisations of the company's 15 actors – adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and other social and behavioral needs. A full production team and several onstage volunteer mentors lead and support the actors throughout the process. Directors and Assistant Directors use improv, role-play and other skill-based exercises to develop characters, a plot and an original script; Music Directors contribute original music, and lyrics; and Movement Directors help create the physical language of the characters and the story. The six-month Inclusive Theater season culminates in live public performances showcasing each actor's unique talents and abilities.

The Inclusive Theater season is 26-weeks long with 24 two-hour weekly rehearsals; 3-4 technical rehearsals; and 4-6 performances. Schedules vary by location, please see below.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Attend all rehearsals, technical rehearsals, performances, strike, and production meetings (as needed)
- Create original onstage movement that helps to enrich the story/song
- Assist with and/or lead movement and other activities in rehearsals
- Support and accommodate the unique needs of actors with disabilities (i.e. movement restrictions, visual impairments, limited spatial awareness, etc.)
- Contribute ideas during script development process, as needed
- Serve as Dance Captain, performing as onstage mentor in final productions
- Submit a background check

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Undergraduate degree preferred; strong understanding of movement/dance; dancing, teaching, and/or performing experience preferred; strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills; team player; ability to work independently with initiative and meet all deadlines; some knowledge of disability, accessibility, and inclusion practices a plus; experience and/or interest in working with individuals with disabilities; genuine desire to further develop your choreographing, teaching, and/or theater skills; passion for performance and a belief in the power of the arts.

**Position:** Movement Director/Dance Captain

**Organization:** ArtStream, Inc.

**Location:** Montgomery County, MD (Rehearsals in Gaithersburg, MD; Performances in Silver Spring, MD)

**Field:** Movement/Dance; Musical Theater; Acting; Disabilities service

**Employment level:** Part-time 1099 contract position; hours vary

**Compensation:** \$800-1000 stipend

**Website:** <http://www.art-stream.org/>