

# Arts, Culture, & Theatre Career Community

## Overview



The Arts, Culture, and Theatre career community is dedicated to students interested in contributing to society by creating, preserving, and showcasing artistic expression. From visual artists and performers to cultural advocates, the community values innovation and the exploration of diverse perspectives while sharing a common passion for enriching the human experience through artistic and cultural endeavors.

## Sample Industries & Job Titles



Please note that the job titles below do not cover all areas of opportunity comprehensively. They are provided to serve as initial reference points for exploring potential career paths and options. They can serve as guidance for your search:

### Artistic Development/Producing

- Arts Administration Assistant
- Exhibitions Designer/Coordinator
- Creative Development Coordinator/Manager/Director
- Production Coordinator
- Artistic Program Manager
- Festival/Tour Manager
- Casting Director

### Audience Services/Engagement

- Box Office Manager/Treasurer
- Curator of Public Programs
- Community Engagement Coordinator/Manager/Director
- Event Services Coordinator/Manager/Director
- Audience Services Manager

# More Sample Industries & Job Titles

## Communications/PR/ Marketing

- Graphic Designer
- Communications Specialist
- Press Associate/Representative
- Marketing Coordinator/Manager/  
Director
- Social Media  
Coordinator/ Manager

## Development/Fundraising

- Grant Writer
- Development  
Director/Associate/Coordinator
- Special Event Coordinator/  
Manager/Director
- Major Gifts Manager/Director

## Education/Community Engagement

- Community Outreach Coordinator/  
Manager/Director
- Education & Outreach Coordinator
- Director of Community Initiatives

## Leadership/Business

- Program Assistant
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Human Resources Specialist
- General Manager
- Literary Manager
- Facilities Manager
- Executive Director
- Managing Director

## Performance/Expression

- Actor
- Intimacy Coach
- Costume Designer
- Teaching Artist
- Dialect Coach
- Choreographer

## Production Management

- SFX Coordinator
- Set Design Coordinator
- Broadcast Technology Specialist
- Audio Supervisor
- Production Assistant/Coordinator/  
Manager
- Stage Manager
- Sound Designer

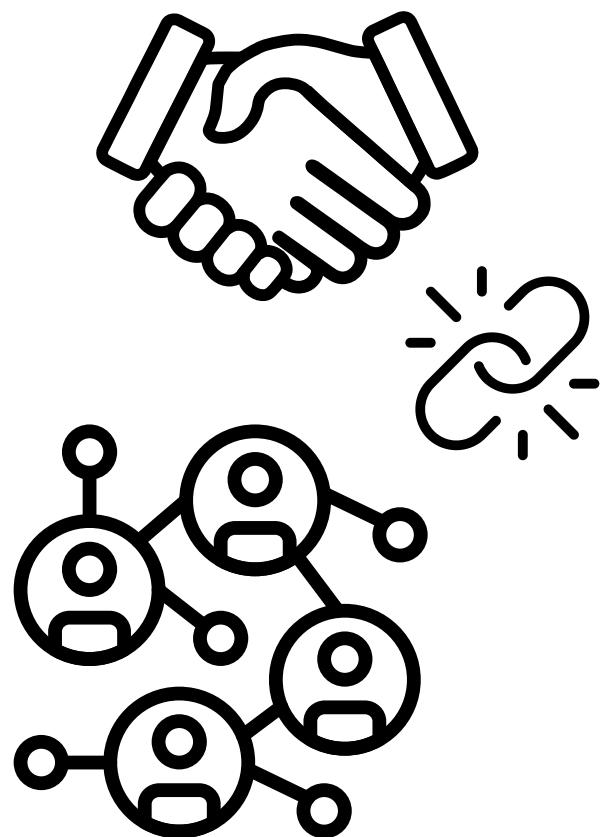
## Job Boards

[Americans For The Arts](#)  
[ArtJobs](#)  
[Arts for LA](#)  
[Association of Performing Artist Professionals](#)  
[Backstage](#)  
[Chicago Artists Coalition](#)  
[Chicago Cultural Alliance Opportunities](#)  
[Dance USA](#)  
[Eleventh Hour](#)  
[Entertainment Careers](#)  
[Freelance Writing](#)  
[HigherEdJobs](#)  
[Musical America Worldwide](#)  
[New York Foundation for the Arts](#)  
[Southeastern Theatre Conference](#)  
[Springboard For The Arts](#)  
[Upwork](#)

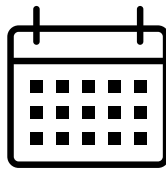


## Industry-Specific Resources and Professional Orgs

[American Alliance for Theatre & Education](#)  
[American Alliance of Museums](#)  
[American Federation of Arts](#)  
[Americans for the Arts](#)  
[Arts & Business Council of Chicago](#)  
[ArtsJournal](#)  
[Association of Midwest Museums](#)  
[California Arts Council](#)  
[City of Chicago Creative Workers Resources](#)  
[College Art Association of America](#)  
[Educational Theatre Association](#)  
[Enrich Chicago](#)  
[International Festivals and Events Association](#)  
[International Society for the Performing Arts](#)  
[League of Chicago Theatres](#)  
[National Endowment for the Arts](#)  
[New York Foundation for the Arts](#)  
[Nothing for the Group](#)  
[Playbill](#)  
[Society of American Archivists](#)  
[Stage Managers' Association](#)  
[Theatre Communications Group](#)  
[Theatre for Young Audiences USA](#)  
[United Scenic Artists](#)



# Hiring Cycles



## Post-graduation positions

- Fall & Winter for more formalized programs and fellowships
- Winter & Spring for actively identifying and applying to opportunities

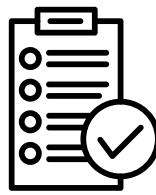
## Internships

- The larger the organization and the more well-known, the earlier the application deadline
- Winter quarter (Jan-March) typically for established internship programs
- Spring quarter (March-May) typically for smaller organizations opportunities

## Selected Organizations Where Students Have Worked:

|                             |                                    |                               |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 321 Theatrical Management   | Lyric Opera of Chicago             | The Art Institute             |
| About Face Theater          | Metropolis Performing Arts Center  | The House Theatre of Chicago  |
| Castleton Festival          | National Pastime Theater           | The Neo-Futurists             |
| Chicago Humanities Festival | NYC Department of Cultural Affairs | The Second City               |
| Goodman Theatre             | O'Connor Casting                   | The Shedd Aquarium            |
| Gray Talent Group           | Partizan Entertainment             | Timeline Theatre              |
| Imagination Stage           | People's Improv Theater            | Victory Gardens Theatre       |
| Jimmy Kimmel Live           | Ravinia                            | Walt Disney Company           |
| Lifeline Theater            | Steppenwolf Theatre Company        | Williamstown Theatre Festival |
| Lookingglass Theatre Co.    | Story Pirates                      | Writers Theatre               |

# Action Steps



## Individualized Career Support



Seeking additional guidance on your career development journey and opportunities to explore? Schedule an individualized career appointment with an EPICS staff member via Handshake!

## Handshake



Explore Handshake to find job and internship opportunities, register for a career-related events, stay up-to-date with employers, and more! For a customized search experience, be sure to utilize the filters to pinpoint what you are looking for.

## Informational Interviews



Conduct an informational interview. Informational interviews are meetings where you talk to a professional in a job or industry you're interested in. You can ask questions, gain industry insight and advice, and learn more about a job and/or career path.

## LinkedIn



Create a LinkedIn profile to connect with professionals in your industry, share your career and educational achievements, stay informed on companies of interest, and search for job opportunities.

## Our Northwestern



Interested in expanding your Northwestern network? Explore Our Northwestern, the University's alumni database, where you can expand your network and connect with professionals who are advancing careers in fields of interest.

## Vault



Vault is a career engagement platform that empowers career seekers by providing powerful insights and unique resources so that you can discover your best next step. Find invaluable resources including employer profiles, rankings and reviews, field of study and/or occupational guides, and career preparedness training and materials.