

Program Description

During July and August, the beautiful Berkshire Hills will once again be home to The Berkshire Fringe Internship Program. This year the program has expanded to include concentrations in **technical theater** and **performance**.

Because our organization is small, our interns are an integral part of making The Berkshire Fringe happen. As an intern you will have the chance to work hands-on with all staff members, including the Artistic Directors and Technical Director. Berkshire Fringe interns are intensely involved at the highest level behind the scenes and work directly with the professional actors, musicians, directors, technicians, designers, administrators and other diverse theater professionals at the festival.

Performance and **Technical Theater** concentrations will give you experience in the areas of theater you are most interested in. Performers participate in professionally directed staged readings of brand new plays in the EarlyStages program, and will mentor with one of the Artistic Directors. Technical interns work side-by-side with our tech staff all summer and will also participate in our mentorship program.

Bazaar Productions provides participating interns:

- Housing for participants who reside more than 40 miles from the theater.
- Tickets to see each Berkshire Fringe production at least once (more often if seats are available)
- Ability to participate in all 3 community workshops lead by festival artists.
- Evaluation of your participation to be provided to your college/university if you are seeking credit for participation.
- Hands on experience with running a theater festival

Participating Interns are responsible for:

- Transportation to and from the program
- Most meals (some meals and snacks will be provided by Bazaar Productions). Housing includes a full kitchen where students will be able to store food and prepare meals.

Six participants (4 performance, 2 technical theater) will be hand chosen by the Artistic Directors of Bazaar Productions from an open application process. Applicants are accepted from anywhere, but we focus our energy on students who reside or attend school in Berkshire County or the surrounding counties.

For any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Ryan Olson at ryan@berkshirefringe.org.

About Us

The Berkshire Fringe

The festival focuses on presenting work by emerging and early career artists that span the disciplines of theater, dance, music, film, and visual arts. The artists chosen through our competitive open application process provide new and inventive approaches to contemporary themes, styles and content. The Berkshire Fringe adds a fresh perspective to an already flourishing arts community in several unique ways. We strive to make high quality theater and dance affordable, we focus on work that blends genres, creates new styles, and delves into traditions underrepresented in the mainstream, and we focus resources on creating an exemplary experience for our artists. We purposefully schedule our festival so that artists can see each others work, can participate in each other's workshops and can share ideas and experiences. These initiatives establish a center for artistic exchange while providing affordable and unparalleled cultural enrichment to the community. The festival will includes 24 performances and 4 free community workshops lead by artists participating in the festival.

Bazaar Productions

Bazaar Productions is a not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to presenting affordable, cross-disciplinary and dynamic new works of theater and dance by emerging artists to the Berkshire community. Our mission is to make great theater accessible to the widest demographic possible while cultivating the support of a diverse audience base. We strive to make high quality theater and dance available to the general public by providing affordable or free tickets for all of our performances and events. For not much more than the cost of a movie ticket, our audiences can partake is some of the most experimental, boundary breaking, fresh and original theater today. Bazaar Productions also seeks to expand awareness, increase support, and provide recognition to emerging artists from across the United States.

For a full schedule of events for this summer, please see The Berkshire Fringe website www.berkshirefringe.org.

Application & Guidelines

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling deadline basis. Please send your application as soon as possible. Positions will be filled as applications from appropriate candidates are received.

Required Application Materials:

- This application sheet
- A one page statement of the objectives you have for your internship
- A one page summary of your student/professional theater experience
OR a current theater resume
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or theater professional
who is familiar with your work
- Performance Concentration Only* – A headshot or similar photo

Primary Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Best way to contact you? Phone E-mail

Alternate Contact (a permanent address or alternate address):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

To which concentration are you applying?

Technical Theater concentration Performance concentration

Do you currently attend college or university? Y / N

If so, where? _____

Will you be seeking credit from your college or university? Y / N

If so, please provide us with the following:

Contact Name _____ Contact Number _____

As an applicant I have read and understand my responsibilities fully.

Signature _____ Printed name _____ Date _____

All applications should be sent to: Internship Program Application
Bazaar Productions
PO Box 1033
Great Barrington, MA 01230