

Asheville Community Theatre

Asheville Community Theatre is requesting \$15,000, a relatively small amount of funding to have a big impact in children's lives. Funding is requested to address two challenges:

CAMPS & CLASSES



Inclusion of children from low income families in our educational programming.

RESEARCH:

More than 1 out of every 5 Buncombe County children lives in poverty.

- 2010 Buncombe County Community Health Assessment

Low income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate college than their peers with no arts education.

- Americans for the Arts

FEEDBACK:

"It is almost as if being on stage is my child's home ... her heart's home. I want her to find her place in this world. I cannot afford this camp without financial assistance."

- G.S., parent

INTERNSHIPS



Implementation of program to provide on-the-job training in theatrical arts.

RESEARCH:

A student involved in the arts is 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.

- Americans for the Arts

Students involved in drama performance coursework or experience outscored non-arts student on the 2005 SAT by an average of 65 points in the verbal component and 34 points in the math component.

- American Alliance for Theatre and Education

FEEDBACK:

"ACT's internship program is superb because it offers the structure and the freedom for an intern, which is what really allowed me to learn the most that I possibly could."

- E.E., intern

Skills Children Learn From the Arts:

- * Creativity
- * Confidence
- * Problem Solving
- * Perseverance
- * Receiving Constructive Feedback
- * Non-Verbal Communication
- * Focus
- * Collaboration
- * Dedication
- * Accountability

ACT Currently Serves 4,700 Children

Each year, children participate in our educational offerings which range from in-depth participation to experiences that enable children to learn to appreciate being an audience member.

Programs include:

- * Saturdays at ACT
- * School Matinees
- * Production Classes
- * Broadway Bootcamp Classes
- * Summer Camp

CAMPS AND CLASSES

THE VALUE OF PARTICIPATING IN THEATRE CAMPS AND CLASSES:



- * Our afterschool programs provide the opportunity to participate in every aspect of theatre production from the first audition to the final curtain call.
- * Our summer camp curriculum strengthens children's natural abilities to create their own stories and characters.
- * All students participate in a final performance on the Mainstage for an audience of family and friends.
- * Involvement in theatre classes and productions has been shown to improve students' self-esteem as well as their confidence in their academic abilities.
- * Participation in theatre classes builds social and communication skills.

INTERSHIPS

THE VALUE OF AN INTERNSHIP:



- * An internship provides on-the-job training in a real business
- * Interns are able to experience many aspects of theatre operations - shop management, set construction, sound and lighting technology and design, costume design and maintenance, front of house operations including Box Office and customer service
- * At ACT, an intern joins a hard-working team and is challenged to produce
- * Interns learn to meet deadlines
- * Interns learn the joy of hard work that seems like play