

# Patel Conservatory Summer Theater Internship

## Quick Facts Sheet

*“The Patel Conservatory offers a trusting culture and community for interns to challenge themselves as educators and artists. The experiences and professional contacts that I received at the Patel Conservatory last summer have allowed me to continue my growth as a theater educator at Portland Stage Company.” – Dylan Gurrera (2016)*

*“It has been an awesome experience with all the challenges one might expect from the theatre. The true beauty lies with the people that staff the conservatory.” - Avery Coonts (2015)*

Participants of the Patel Conservatory summer internship have gone on to work for professional companies including the Barter Theatre, Portland Stage, Jobsite Theatre, Timeless Tales Theatre, Patel Conservatory, and Opera Tampa. Working for the Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center provides emerging theater artists and educators the opportunity to network with theater professionals and research careers in the industry.

### **About the Patel Conservatory:**

The Patel Conservatory at the Straz Center offers supplemental classes, comprehensive training and fully-produced performance opportunities in theater, music and dance. Courses are taught in a rigorous yet nurturing environment by industry professionals. The Patel Conservatory has received accreditation status from the Southern Association of College and Schools Council on Accreditation. The Patel Conservatory gives students the tools to: dream, reach, discover and create the performing arts; integrate them into everyday life; and contribute to the community.

### **Summer Internship Position Description:**

Intern duties may include supporting the day-to-day administrative work of the theater department, assuming the role of assistant to the director for one of the summer musical theater productions, working as a teaching assistant or lead teacher on various summer camp programs, representing the Patel Conservatory at community events, assisting the stage manager with rehearsals and show runs, assisting with various front-of-house roles, the hang and focus of lighting equipment, maintenance on show props and costumes, and special projects as assigned.

### **Application Requirements:**

Applicants must be actively enrolled at a university, seeking a degree in the performing arts or communication, and have completed their sophomore year of college. Applicants must also have a strong interest in theater education, the direction of youth theater productions and/or technical theater. Summer applicants must be able to commit to 40-50 hours per week for 10-12 consecutive weeks between May and August. Additional physical requirements can be found on the official internship position description and within the application. All interns must be at least 18 years or older, fully vaccinated, and successfully complete a criminal background check before beginning their internship.

### **Internship Compensation:**

Interns will receive a weekly living allowance, access to our adult performing arts classes, and free admission to all Patel Conservatory Summer 2022 productions and events.

