

**Position/Title:** **Puppeteer, Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre**

**Salary:** **\$15/hour**

**Contact:** **Send resume and cover letter to: [ArtsJobs@CityParksFoundation.org](mailto:ArtsJobs@CityParksFoundation.org)**

### **ABOUT CITY PARKS FOUNDATION**

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to offer programs in public parks throughout the five boroughs of New York City. At CPF, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community development, and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs and community building initiatives -- located in more than 350 parks, recreation centers, and public schools across New York City -- reach 425,000 people each year.

- We present the largest free, outdoor performing arts festival in NYC through *SummerStage* and *SummerStage Kids*, presenting artists of the highest quality across multiple disciplines and genres, and marionette puppet theater in all five boroughs with our Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater and the roving PuppetMobile.
- Partnerships for Parks, a public-private program of City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks, supports and champions a growing network of leaders who care and advocate for the transformation of their neighborhood parks.
- We connect youngsters to nature in the urban environment with education programs that provide learning experiences through classroom and hands-on activities in parks, urban forests, coastal areas, gardens, and recreation centers.
- Free golf, tennis, track & field, soccer, street hockey, and fitness programs bring high-quality instruction and equipment into areas where few organized athletic opportunities exist. We offer leveled training, year-round scholarship coaching, and special pro events.

Our ethos is simple: *we believe thriving parks reflect thriving communities.*

### **ABOUT THE SWEDISH COTTAGE MARIONETTE THEATRE**

A "Marionette Touring Company" was founded in 1939 by Parks Commissioner Robert Moses, and in 1947, the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre became home to the Company. A permanent theater was constructed inside the Cottage in 1973, precisely designed for marionette performances. Since then, hundreds of thousands of children and families have enjoyed its original marionette productions. Under the direction of City Parks Foundation, the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre, as well as its traveling extension, the CityParks PuppetMobile, continue to entertain audiences throughout New York City.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre is hiring a seasonal, part-time puppeteer for both the production at the theatre and on the road with our traveling CityParks PuppetMobile. Our company is looking for someone to primarily work weekends for our May to October season, with subject to occasional shifts throughout the week. Marionette puppetry skill a plus, but not a prerequisite. Training will be provided. Additional duties (listed below) may be done upon request. The position may lead to year-round shifts, based on performance.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Perform marionette puppet shows at theatre and mobile unit
- Participate in build/breakdown of mobile stage in various outdoor locations
- Drive PuppetMobile (sprinter van) throughout 5 boroughs of NYC when needed
- Greet and interact with audience members in a respectful and professional manner
- Occasional ushering and box office duties at theatre when needed
- Act as ambassador for the organization, answering questions for audience members about the Marionette Theatre and CPF

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Experience with puppetry and as a performer
- Availability for weekend shifts with flexibility to work weekday shifts to perform shows at the theatre and on the road, with flexibility to work weekday shifts (hours vary between 9AM - 2PM, with occasional shifts to 7 PM)
- Availability to work a minimum of 20 hours per week
- Valid driver's license, clean driving record, and willingness to drive van throughout New York City
- Ability to work outdoors (includes under direct sunlight and light rain)

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ability to take direction, pick up blocking quickly, and work in a team in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to work with children
- Ability to lift and carry up to 30 lbs of equipment and scenery

### **WORKING FOR CITY PARKS FOUNDATION**

City Parks Foundation is a collegial, mission-focused organization that values its employees and encourages professional growth and advancement. Paid sick leave available based on accrued hours. Puppeteer positions offer on-the-job training, puppetry skills, and theater craft skills.

### **CONTACT**

Interested parties should email resume and cover letter to: [ArtsJobs@CityParksFoundation.org](mailto:ArtsJobs@CityParksFoundation.org). Put "Puppeteer Position" in subject header. Please let us know how you found out about this position. Applications without cover letter will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in City Parks Foundation, an equal opportunity employer. Only potential candidates will be contacted. No calls, please.