
Position/Title:	Seasonal Puppeteer, Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre
Job type:	Seasonal, Part-time, Hourly
Salary:	Commensurate with experience
Contact:	Submit application at https://cityparksfoundation.org/arts-employment

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. 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 400 parks, recreation centers, and public schools across the city -- reach 300,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: we believe thriving parks mean thriving communities.

- We present the largest free, outdoor performing arts festival in NYC through SummerStage, 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, 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.

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 Puppeteer is a part-time, hourly position. The primary function of the Puppeteer is to perform as a marionettist, and to contribute to overall theater production process --set-builds, puppet and props creation, costume-making, front of house operations, and/or general housekeeping. Marionette puppetry skills a plus, but not a prerequisite. Training will be provided.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform marionette puppet shows at theatre

- Complete training sessions as mandated by artistic director
- Greet/usher and interact with audience members in a respectful and professional manner
- Contribute to production process via set building, scenery and props creation, costume design and sewing, and/or set up and teardown.
- Assist in box office and general theater duties when necessary
- Act as an ambassador for the organization, answering questions for audience members about the Marionette Theatre and CPF

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with puppetry
- Experience as an actor, physical theater, dance, or other theater arts
- Availability to work a minimum of twelve (12) hours per week in November and December, and a minimum of nine (9) hours per week in January and February
- Ability to work two weekend days per month
- 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 50lbs of equipment and scenery

WORKING FOR CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

Thank you for your interest in City Parks Foundation, an equal opportunity employer. Interested parties should submit an application at: <https://cityparksfoundation.org/arts-employment>. Cover letter should discuss how you heard about this opportunity, your availability, and why you want to work as a puppeteer at the Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre. Submissions without cover letters will not be considered.

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.

Only potential candidates will be contacted. No calls, please.