



2024 Professional Observership Program

About the Thousand Islands Playhouse

The Thousand Islands Playhouse (TIP) is one of the top summer theatre companies in the province and the largest theatre company between Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto. It welcomes over 40,000 patrons every summer, with a season running from June – November.

At TIP, we put *people* at centre stage. We believe that by shining a light on every person and their story, we will build an empathetic community with a broad worldview. We strive to nurture creative collaboration, foster engagement with the arts, and provide a fun and welcoming environment for all who come to visit us, Dockside.

What is a Professional Observership?

TIP's Professional Observership program provides production-long opportunities to observe the play making process from first rehearsal to opening night. The program is well suited for young-in-craft artists who have not yet had access to a professional theatrical experience, or who are specifically interested in learning from the Director or Choreographer on the production.

Goals of a Professional Observership

- **Provide access** to young-in-craft artists who have not had the opportunity to be in a professional rehearsal room and/or worked with an experienced director/choreographer
- **Provide mentorship** from experienced directors and choreographers to young-in-craft artists.

In 2024, the productions available for the Professional Observership Program are [Mamma Mia!](#) and [Mary's Wedding](#).

2024 Professional Observership Dates

Mamma Mia!: June 11 - July 5, 2024

Mary's Wedding: July 30 - August 17, 2024



EXPECTATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Expected to commit at least 20 hours a week to the observership
- Opportunity to meet with Director and Education & Engagement Manager to set goals for the Observership and meet one-on-one with the Director during the process
- Opportunity to attend production meetings and technical rehearsals

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a young-in-craft artist in drama, dance, musical theatre, or directing
- Current student or recent graduate from an accredited institution in an arts program
- Strong leadership capabilities, and organizational and time management skills;
- Ability to travel to Gananoque on a daily basis

TO APPLY

Please send your resume and cover letter to Allison Hess at allison@1000islandsplayhouse.com or deliver to 185 South Street, Gananoque, ON K7G 1A1. **Deadline for applications is April 30, 2024. This opportunity is open to applicants who have also applied for a TIP Summer Camp Director position.**

The Thousand Islands Playhouse is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in employment on any basis .

We are committed to accommodating applicants with disabilities throughout the hiring process, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require an accommodation, please let us know

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, and INCLUSION

The Thousand Islands Playhouse is committed to increasing the representation of historically marginalized groups throughout the organization. In particular, we are prioritizing Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour in our hiring practices. Those who would like to self-identify in their cover letters are welcome to do so, however it is voluntary and not required. For more information, please refer to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion page of our website: <http://www.1000islandsplayhouse.com/equity-diversity-inclusion/>