

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Summer Camp Music Director / Accompanist

Status: Part-Time Temporary /On-site

Compensation: \$50/hour, approximately 10 hours/week

Camp Dates: June 30 – July 25, 2025

Work Hours: Monday–Thursday, AM session 9:30AM–12:30PM; PM session 1:30PM–4:30PM

Location: Paper Mill Playhouse campus (Millburn, NJ), including Paper Mill Playhouse, Paper Mill Studios, and Millburn Middle School

Reports to: Director of Education

Position Overview

Paper Mill Playhouse’s “Paper Mill Players Camp” seeks experienced and enthusiastic Teaching Artists to serve as Music Directors and Accompanists for our half-day musical theatre program serving students ages 6–14. The Music Director will collaborate with fellow teaching artists to support musical theatre classes and showcase rehearsals, contributing to curriculum and accompanying instruction on piano.

This is a highly interactive, student-centered role requiring comfort instructing the age range of participants, experience teaching vocal parts, and strong piano proficiency. Multiple schedules are currently available, with assignments made based on availability and student groupings.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Instruction & Accompaniment

- Co-teach musical theatre classes by providing piano accompaniment and vocal instruction
- Music direct and accompany showcase rehearsals leading to a final informal presentation
- Support students in learning ensemble songs, focusing on vocal technique, diction, and expressiveness
- Collaborate with acting and dance teaching artists to ensure integrated instruction

Curriculum Development

- Contribute to the creation and implementation of age-appropriate vocal music curriculum for young performers
- Adapt lessons to meet the developmental and musical needs of each class

Team Collaboration

- Attend orientation and collaborate with fellow teaching artists to align instructional plans
- Communicate regularly with the Summer Camp Coordinator regarding classroom needs and scheduling
- Uphold a positive, inclusive, and respectful learning environment for all students

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Proficient pianist with strong sight-reading and accompanying skills
- Experience teaching group voice or choral music, particularly to children ages 6–14
- Background in elementary music education, musical theatre, or related performing arts field
- Comfortable managing a classroom in collaboration with other instructors
- Friendly, professional, and flexible attitude with strong communication skills
- Commitment to Paper Mill Playhouse’s mission of access, inclusion, and artistic excellence

About Paper Mill Playhouse Theatre Camp

Paper Mill Playhouse Theatre School’s Summer Camp serves young performers ages 6–14 with training in acting, voice, and dance, culminating in final sharing of performance for family and friends. Campers in full-day production sessions rehearse and perform *Frozen Jr.* in the Paper Mill Blackbox, while half-day campers showcase original scenes and brief musical theatre numbers. Camp is led by professional teaching artists with the support of trained interns, all committed to creating a supportive and artistically rigorous environment.

Apply

Paper Mill Playhouse is committed to hiring high caliber individuals of diverse backgrounds. We strive to provide our staff with a nurturing and inclusive environment, equal for all employees and optimal for their success. Paper Mill celebrates diversity and believes it enriches our work environment and the work on our stage.

Send resume and cover letter describing how your experience makes you the right candidate for this position to Recruiting@PaperMill.org with subject line: Summer Camp Coordinator.

Candidates are encouraged to submit a video demonstration of skill. Candidates will be asked to interview in person as well as demonstrate proficiency of the required artistic and teaching skillsets. be asked to No phone calls, please.

The successful candidate will be required to authorize a background check, which will be conducted at Paper Mill’s expense in full compliance with relevant law. The offer to the successful candidate will be contingent on the results of the background check.

About Paper Mill Playhouse

Founded in 1934, Paper Mill Playhouse has been a cherished New Jersey arts institution for more than 80 years. Paper Mill brings new American Musical Theater to life, with a national reputation that continues to grow. Collaboration with other regional theaters and leading independent producers brings over 200,000 New Jersey audience members annually the best in musical theater, from celebrated revivals to groundbreaking new works. In 2016, Paper Mill received the Regional Theatre Tony award in recognition of its contribution to the national field, the industry’s highest honor.

Paper Mill Playhouse facilities include a 1,150-seat theater with attendant backstage dressing rooms, offices, and production support areas; front-of-house lobbies with bars, concessions and restroom facilities; an 80 seat restaurant; a small house with two apartments; 2,500 square feet of education studios; a NY Costume Shop; three parking lots and grounds.

Our Mission

Paper Mill Playhouse entertains, inspires, and enriches lives. As the nation's premier musical theater, we foster a creative environment to advance the art form, educate students, develop future theater lovers, nurture inclusion, and provide access for all.

Paper Mill Playhouse is an Equal Opportunity Employer where the spirit of inclusion feeds into everything we do. We are committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and teammates. We strive to create opportunities, access, resources, and rewards that are available to and benefit everyone. *Paper Mill Playhouse* is committed to equal employment opportunity regardless of races, color, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, creed sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, marital status, disability, gender equity, gender expression, and Veteran status.