

FLORIDA GRAND **opera**

Director of Community Engagement

Florida Grand Opera has been re-inventing itself for the past several years, with a new direction of staging exciting productions, engaging world-class singers, and mounting thought-provoking repertoire, while being responsive to the exhilarating and diverse communities of South Florida. As part of our new vision for the future, we are looking for a detail-oriented, dynamic fundraising leader to be a part of the Development team. Ideal candidates will be self-directed, organized, and able to create meaningful donor relationships with an ability to ask and close major gifts.

Position: Director of Community Engagement
Reports to: General Director and CEO
Works Closely with: All Departments

The Director of Community Engagement is responsible to plan, develop, and manage all of the education and engagement programs of Florida Grand Opera including in-school programs, teacher training, family days at the opera, Cadenza, dress rehearsals, as well as programs under development. Some of the Company's education programs utilize members of the Studio Artist Program and therefore, this position works closely with the Studio Artist Program Manager. A thorough knowledge of education priorities in both public and private schools and the willingness to build relationships within those programs to create programs that enhance their educational opportunities will be essential for the successful candidate.

The Director of Community Engagement collaborates directly with other senior team members for scheduling and program preparation. The ideal candidate should be creative, motivated, organized, and be able to work as a member of a team that includes the Studio Artist Program Manager, the Director of Artistic Administration, the Company Manager, and the Director of Production. The successful candidate must have strong knowledge of the opera repertoire. An advanced degree is preferred. Experience in opera/music education at an opera company, orchestra, or other arts-related organization is ideal.

Responsibilities include:

- Leading the development and implementation of all education and community engagement programs, including but not limited to: In School performances and productions, Student Dress Rehearsals, Opera Lab, Informances, Cadenza, Read Along Sing a Song, Teacher Workshops, Opera Teens, and Family Days.
- Developing and producing adult and family education and outreach programs including previews, lectures, symposia, docent programs and other community programs.

- Coordinating with the Artistic and Production Departments to drive the artistic and production educational content for all In-School performances, productions and Family Days in the Miami / Ft. Lauderdale area.
- Establishing and expanding close working relationships with the Miami-Dade and Broward County Public School systems, Public Library Systems, and key arts community organizations and individuals.
- Preparing all educational materials for the school programs with a focus on National STEM and Common Core curriculum.
- Establishing short and long term goals and implementing strategies to ensure that all education programs maintain a high quality and achieve their goals.
- Overseeing, creating, and tracking the budgets for the education programs.
- Directly participating in fundraising strategy and proposals connected to education and community activity. Working with the Development Department to prepare grants for educational programs; creating reports as needed and personally participating in fundraising calls.
- Acting as the Opera's education liaison to all of FGO's support organizations including Opera Teens, the Opera Guild, Opera Society and the Young Patronesses of the Opera to ensure the achievement of their educational goals as requested.
- Representing the Florida Grand Opera at all professional education and community engagement meetings as requested.
- All other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree in music, Master's degree preferred.
- Previous experience in arts education at a professional arts organization
- Ability to work evening and weekends A MUST
- Knowledge of current trends in arts education and community engagement and strategies for enhancing curriculum development.

Application Submission Deadline: July 6, 2018

This position is available beginning August 2018. Salary is commensurate with experience. Florida Grand Opera is an equal opportunity employer. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and the names and contact information for three references to jobs@fgo.org. Candidate review will begin as soon as applications are received. EOE