



Looking to give back to the WNY arts community and one of Buffalo's most beloved traditions?

Shakespeare in Delaware Park actively seeks four (4) passionate supporters for our 2024 Board of Directors. Our company is committed to creating and fostering an inclusive experience for members of our highest-level decision-making body and ensuring our work remains reflective of the diverse community we serve. Prior Board experience not required.

Company Description

Shakespeare in Delaware Park (SDP) is a nonprofit professional theatre company that provides free, high-quality public theatre to enrich, educate and entertain diverse audiences through the works of William Shakespeare. Each year, we proudly serve 45,000 people through our main stage productions, touring show, educational programs, and opportunities for local artists.

With 28% of Buffalo residents (13.7% Erie County) living in poverty, SDP is an asset to families lacking the financial resources to participate in many of the region's cultural offerings. The nature of our free programming lends itself to accessibility; eliminating economic barriers allows greater participation. For many, our productions are their first and only experience with live, professional theatre.

Industry

Performing Arts (theatre); Arts Education

Position

Volunteer Board Member

Job Description

The SDP Board of Directors comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sectors who are dedicated to the organization's mission. Serving on Board is an extraordinary opportunity for individuals who are passionate about strengthening leadership, governance, and hard skills in the nonprofit sector.

Board members are expected to attend 7 annual meetings (typically the third Monday every other month), read board materials in advance of board meetings and to come prepared to ask questions and participate in discussions. They are expected to play an active role in securing the financial resources necessary for SDP, including a minimum personal gift of \$500, and to leverage personal relationships and connections to help the development committee and staff identify and solicit potential funders.

Preferred Candidates Experience or Expertise

We are currently recruiting for diverse leadership in four areas. However, we encourage all interested applicants to apply, as other committee or volunteer work is available.

1. **Fundraising/Development** – We seek an experienced fundraising professional to help grow SDP’s major gifts and planned giving program as we prepare for our 50th anniversary in 2025. Strong candidates will have experience with capital campaign planning and roll-out.
2. **Public Policy/Advocacy** – We seek a passionate and well-connected leader who can leverage resources in support of public arts programming, increase awareness around the importance of our work and implement strategies for engaging officials at the local, state, and national level. Strong candidates will have experience advocating for public arts funding.
3. **Community Organizing** – We seek a well-connected community member with access to grassroots community organizations, preferably on Buffalo’s East and West Sides, to help coordinate our education program expansion. Strong candidates will understand local community needs, help identify possible partnership programs and promote our work in underserved neighborhoods.
4. **PR/Communications** – We seek a PR/Communications expert to help promote and organize our 50th anniversary in 2025. Strong candidates will have connections with local news outlets and experience in designing communications plans for large-scale events.

Contact

To access and submit application materials, please visit: www.ShakespeareInDelawarePark.org

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DEADLINE to APPLY:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

