



## Musical Theatre Accompanist

**Employment Type:** Part time position (Wednesdays, 3 hours per week plus additional classes subject to availability)

**Location:** South Surrey

### About Arts Umbrella

Arts Umbrella is where young artists ages 2–22 cultivate their passion and creativity in the visual and performing arts. As a non-profit organization entirely dedicated to arts education for children and youth, we believe that art is powerful. A professional faculty delivers a wide range of instruction at every level, including post-secondary scholarship programs across the spectrum of creative fields. With locations in Vancouver and Surrey, Arts Umbrella delivers tuition-based programs as well as donor-funded community-based programs. Each year, Arts Umbrella serves more than 20,000 young people, with nearly 80% through community-based arts education programs, bursaries, and scholarships.

Recently Arts Umbrella opened the doors of its new, 50,000 net-square-foot facility on Granville Island. With this exceptional opportunity, Arts Umbrella is poised to further our vision for a better world where the next generations are inspired to seek wonder through the arts. It is our mission to be Canada’s leader in arts education for young people; to build community and deliver profound life experiences through our commitment to innovation, excellence, and inclusivity. Arts Umbrella (“AU”) is an organization full of heart, where self-expression and creativity are valued and nurtured.

### The Opportunity

Reporting to Andy Toth, Associate Artistic Director, Theatre, Music and Film, the Accompanist is responsible for providing live piano accompaniment and voice coaching for musical theatre classes for kids aged 2-22 as scheduled.

### In this role you will

- Accompany musical theatre classes, workshops and rehearsals in a variety of musical genres and styles.
- Learn and play class material as selected by the instructor with accuracy and consistency
- Maintain and continue to build your own musical improvisation skills and appropriate repertoire.
- Actively take part in class activities as led by the class instructor.
- Lead a vocal warm-up each class, appropriate to the age and skill level of the class
- Teach melodies, harmonies and vocal (singing) skills appropriate to the age and skill level of the class as required

### Here is what you bring

- A Bachelor’s degree in piano performance, music, voice, collaborative piano, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Strong piano skills, including sight reading, accompaniment of groups
- Knowledge and facility with teaching basic voice and singing for young voices
- Prior experience in playing and understanding of music from the Musical Theatre cannon
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- An enthusiasm for children/youth
- Prior experience in music and/or theatre arts education



### **Diversity & Inclusion**

Arts Umbrella is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion. Our commitment is reflected in our programming, the audience we engage with, the students we serve as well as the staff we employ. Diversity and inclusion in our organization means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, and respected. We actively seek applications from Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others with knowledge in diversity and inclusion to help us strengthen our commitment.

### **How to apply**

Send your resume and cover letter to [job@artsumbrella.com](mailto:job@artsumbrella.com), indicating **Accompanist** in the subject line. We strongly encourage applicants to apply as soon as possible, as we will review resumes and schedule interviews as they arrive. This position will remain open until filled.

Arts Umbrella thanks all applicants for their interest and advises that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. *No phone calls please.*