Georgetown Heritage is looking for a Swing Canal Boat Interpreter/ Ticketing Assistant

On April 28th, we will inaugurate our new 15-ton, 19th century replica canal packet boat, giving tours on a one-mile section of the historic C&O Canal in Georgetown. Interpreters will deliver an educational program for the boat’s visitors, and will lead teaching programs for primary school students in-classroom and virtually based on the boat and the Canal. They will also staff the boarding area to assist visitors with ticketing and information.

Position Description
The Interpreter will learn and perform an educational program on the Georgetown section of the C&O Canal, connecting an audience of local, national, and international visitors with the history and learning objectives of the Canal. This position will deliver the pre-designed program on the Canal Boat, or as a standing/ walking tour, and will lead students in a classroom, virtual, or on-site experience based on the history and science behind the Canal. The person will staff the boarding area for the boat, directing visitors and assisting them with ticket purchases and scheduling issues. This position is anticipated to be “swing” style part time, filling in on Wednesdays-Sundays (weekend work required) from April-October 2022 while the boat program is operational and part-time in training (March-April), as well as early evening interpretive work during boat charters. There may be opportunities to continue with other tours and/ or school interpretation after the season ends, contingent upon funding and scheduling. The Canal Interpreter reports to the Director of Education and Partnerships.
Responsibilities

- Train on Historic and Educational Interpretation of the C&O Canal in Georgetown, and on Canal Boat operations
- Deliver high quality Interpretive Programming on scheduled Canal Boat rides and evening charters, and for student groups at the Georgetown C&O Canal site, according to the direction of the Director of Education
- Perform Canal Boat Tour operations as needed during Boat Rides (lock gate operation, emergency assistance, etc…)
- Perform In Classroom or Virtual Teaching Assistance for educational curricula and programming
- Staffing ticketing area to assist visitors via phone, online, or in-person with ticketing and information.
- Housekeeping duties, including costume laundry, maintenance, and general tidiness

Qualifications

- Must consent to and pass a criminal background check
- Must have some experience or training in Educational Interpretation or Performing Arts, particularly educational theatre (Museum Theatre, Reenactment, Teaching Artistry, Coaching, Presentation, etc…)
- Must have some experience with handling a computer/ device in an office or point-of-sale setting.
- Must be reliable & punctual, able to commit to full-time work (8 hrs. per day, Wednesday-Sunday: weekends are required), and dedicated to excellent customer service.
- Must possess physical capabilities of conducting the boat tour and emergency protocols: be physically capable of being outdoors for most of the day, walking, lifting (45 pounds), riding a moving Boat, swimming, being in close proximity to live farm animals. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this job.
- Must have proof of COVID-19 Vaccination, and maintain up to date CDC vaccination requirements.
Wage
$20-$24 per hour part-time, commensurate with experience

How to Apply
Email (no phone calls, please) to jobs@georgetownheritage.org with the following:
   A Headshot/ Resume attachment (PDF preferred)
   A brief letter of interest (in the email)
   Any video links to interpretation or performance (links only please, no attached video)
The position will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please. Some duties and details are subject to change. Find out more at www.georgetownheritage.org.

About Georgetown Heritage
Georgetown Heritage is a community-led nonprofit that is committed to revitalizing Georgetown’s portion of the C&O Canal. As an official partner of the National Park Service, we are engaging local residents, businesses, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, and the DC Government and supporters to realize the vision of a restored and vibrant Canal with robust education, interpretation, and recreation program for Washington’s residents and visitors. Georgetown Heritage is an Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, disability, any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal or local laws.