



NEWSTAGE ED

Mississippi's Professional Regional Theatre
Winner of the 2019 Governor Arts Award for excellence
in theatre, located in the heart of Jackson, Mississippi

2026-2027 Professional Associate Artist Company



The Program

New Stage Theatre Education Department hires five associates to perform in touring shows and mainstage productions, direct in the theatre's Unframed Series, assist with both the theatre's Eudora Welty New Play Series, as well as support the general operation of the theatre, which may include technical elements, assisting directing, stage management, and administrative responsibilities. Applicants must be a recent college graduate; theatre majors are preferred but others may audition, interview, and apply.

On the Mainstage

Acting Associates will be cast in at least one mainstage production. The Directing Associate will assistant direct at least two mainstage productions. Associates will be involved with a rigorous understudy program throughout the year as well as mentoring the youth actors in the shows. Associates may also audition for our Unframed Series. Previously, company members have appeared in mainstage shows such as *Noises Off*, Michael Wilson's *A Christmas Carol*, Marcus Gardley's *Hell in High Water*, Dominique Morisseau's *Pipeline*, Lynn Nottage's *Sweat*, and *Elf, The Musical*.

Touring Shows & Workshops

Associates are cast in our Arts in Education productions that tour to schools, libraries, and community centers throughout Mississippi from October to May. New Stage's award winning Education Department has a strong reputation for presenting quality performances and has been touring successfully to elementary, middle, and high schools for decades. The associates also lead our Arts in Education workshops at the schools, focusing on acting, stage combat, improvisation, and characterization. Past associates performed in *Junie B. Jones, The Musical*, *If Not Us, Then Who? Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer*, *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare, and *Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus: The Musical!*



Teaching Opportunities

Associates participate in planning curriculum and teaching students in first through twelfth grades during our fall, winter, and spring class sessions. The associates will help first-time teachers develop a curriculum and find age-appropriate exercises and games.



2025-2026 Associate Artist Company

Five associates made up the New Stage Theatre Professional Associate Artist Company for the 2025-2026 season, which runs from late-August to early-May.



2025-2026 Associate Artist Company:
Seth Rodivich, Kymbrianna Griggs, Tarvorius House,
Michaela Williams, Hannah Beth Rollman



PIGEON!, featuring
Seth Rodivich as Pigeon



The Play That Goes Wrong 2025,
featuring associate artists

Housing

Actor housing is available and will be shared with other apprentice company members. Actors are housed on theatre property with laundry facilities and free internet. Housing costs will be deducted from your paycheck, rent is \$31.25 per week (\$125 a month). Nearby amenities, such as a grocery store, gym, and restaurants are within walking distance of the theatre.

Gross Pay

Acting—\$300 per week
Acting/Directing—\$300 per week
All salaries paid bi-weekly

Insurance/Benefits

Medical, vision, and dental insurance is available to all associates as an optional benefit. Should you choose to take any of the three individual insurance options, New Stage Theatre pays 50% of your medical premium only, and you are responsible for the remaining 50%. Associates receive one week paid vacation during the Christmas holidays and are given an opportunity to attend UPTA or SETC.

How to Apply

To apply for the New Stage Theatre Associate Program you must complete an application and audition. Applications can be found at

<https://www.newstagetheatre.com/about/employment/apprenticeships/>

Application Deadline: April 3rd, 2026

Local auditions will be held at New Stage in **Late Spring**.
Please call to schedule an audition time.

Send completed application to the contact information below.

Call or email to schedule an appointment or to inform us of your SETC/UPTA audition number.

Do not hesitate to call or email with any questions prior to application deadline.



Michaela as Bus Driver in *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive The Bus!* 2025-2026

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