

# Traveling Players

## OUR BOARD

Traveling Players is currently seeking board members with a genuine interest in serving Traveling Players' community! We are actively seeking to diversify our board with more members of minority communities and add expertise in the following areas:

- ◆ Fundraising ◆ Marketing ◆ Governance
- ◆ Finances ◆ Human Resources ◆ IT

**Board Terms** – 2-year terms; 6 years' maximum

**Meetings** – The full board typically meets formally four times a year, plus one 'retreat day' where strategic issues are developed. Members are expected to attend three or more full meetings a year. In addition, board members are expected to serve on a committee(s) that meets quarterly. *Estimated time commitment is 8 hours/month.*

**Suggested Annual Contribution** – \$500 or an amount that is significant to you.

### *Expectations of Board Members:*

- ◆ Commit to Traveling Players' mission and vision;
- ◆ Actively participate in quarterly board meetings prepared to discuss agenda items, such as budgets, reports and strategic planning;
- ◆ Actively serve on one committee, which meets quarterly;
- ◆ Attend performances and special events;
- ◆ Advocate for Traveling Players within their community; making personal/professional network available to Traveling Players as appropriate;
- ◆ Learn and adopt best practices of non-profit governance, through Traveling Players' annual retreat, occasional workshops, independent research, and networking;
- ◆ Take responsibility for the fiscal health of Traveling Players by providing financial oversight and participating in the fundraising process. Board positions are unpaid. Those interested in serving must submit an application. The process includes phone & in-person interviews and attendance at an introductory board meeting.



## OUR MISSION

Founded in 2003, Traveling Players Ensemble is an educational theatre company serving over 700 students annually from the Washington, DC metro area in grades 3-12.

Our mission is *to enhance self-expression, self-awareness, self-reliance, problem-solving skills, and heighten appreciation of life's challenges and beauty by bringing great theatre into the great outdoors.* Our mission reflects the earliest origins of theatre, when traveling minstrels and theatre troupes roamed the ancient and medieval countryside, relying on the barest props and the boldest imagination to convey their art.

Our goal is to provide an outstanding theatre experience for young adults that will contribute to their maturity and foster a lifelong love of both theatre and the outdoors while meeting rigorous artistic and educational standards.

**Happy campers since 2003?** 6,500 and counting!



## OUR PROGRAMS

**Summer Camp & Conservatories** – Our flagship program is nationally and locally awarded. A unique outdoor performance camp that provides intensive theatre training to small troupes of actors, culminating in a backpacking trip to perform their show, giving teens and pre-teens the experience of wandering entertainers who carry their dinner, their tent and their props in their trusty pack.

Students camp out, rehearse, and perform outdoors in beautiful and historic places, like Shenandoah National Park and Colonial Williamsburg, cultivating stronger, more adaptable and more capable artists and individuals.



**Classes** – During the school year, Traveling Players continues the training of its students through classes and performance opportunities at our Studio in Tysons Corner Center (Tysons-1 mall).



**Girl Scout Theater Badges** – Our “Make Your Own” Theater patch provides acting training to Junior scouts that meet badge requirements.

## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Over 690 performances, including:
  - Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage
  - Colonial Williamsburg
  - Folger Shakespeare Library’s Secondary School Shakespeare Festival
  - Reston’s Multicultural Festival
  - International Children’s Festival @ Wolf Trap

- ◆ 18 students won their school’s English Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, with two students winning the regional round and one appearing in the New York finals at Lincoln Center.

- ◆ Selected: “Summer School in the Arts” by the National Endowment for the Arts – one of 25 in the nation.

- ◆ Winner: 2020 Arts Education Award (ArtsFairfax).

## OUR FOUNDER

With over thirty years of teaching, directing and camping experience, Jeanne has focused on classical and physical theatre with teens, for which she was honored with the 2016 Strauss Award. Prior to founding Traveling Players, she taught at The Folger Shakespeare Library, University of Maryland – Baltimore County and Interlochen Center for the Arts.



Board applications are available by contacting:

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*Producing Artistic Director*

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