

## GableStage Producing Artistic Director Opening

Organization: GableStage  
Title: Producing Artistic Director  
Location: Coral Gables, Florida  
Reports to: Board of Directors

### Background

GableStage leads the cutting edge of theatre in South Florida, renowned for presenting the most vital works of contemporary playwrights worldwide since 1999. In full embrace of its multi-cultural community, GableStage's mission is to provide South Florida with classical, contemporary, and original theatrical productions of artistic excellence.

Due to the passing of its visionary leader for the past 20 years, GableStage is seeking its next Producing Artistic Director – a progressive, passionate, driven, contemporary leader to set the course for its new future.

GableStage is now one of the longest-running and most highly acclaimed theater companies in South Florida, and is the recipient of 64 Carbonell Awards, a prestigious South Florida theatre award, with over 200 nominations, and has recently received the Ruth Forman Award for major advancements in the South Florida theatre scene.

In the past two decades more than 100 productions have been mounted at the 135-seat theater in the Historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, with an annual six-play season. Productions are regularly transported to other area performing arts venues in order to engage a larger audience and outreach to the community. GableStage works directly with the Miami-Dade Public Schools to provide unique cultural access to students and teachers all free-of-charge.

GableStage is a member of Theatre Communications Group, Theatre League of South Florida, Americans for the Arts, Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, and the Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. GableStage uses the Small Professional Theatres contract issued by Actors' Equity. By emphasizing diverse casting and employing the best of our local creative force, GableStage is committed to the enrichment of the local actor, director, designer, and technician. A true community partner, GableStage welcomes the opportunity to support as many worthy causes as possible through its theatrical production benefits and making the theatre available for use to other cultural and community groups.



## Opportunities & Challenges

Miami-Dade County has inked an agreement awarding GableStage a \$1.00 per year, 50-year term as the exclusive operator of a new, \$20,000,000 300-seat Coconut Grove Playhouse in conjunction with Miami-Dade County and Florida International University (FIU). The facility design is nearing completion under the leadership of Miami-Dade County, and supported by AMS Planning & Research, Fisher-Dachs Associates, Arquitectonica, and FIU. Jurisdictional issues between the County and the City are delaying the project; nonetheless, the County remains committed to supporting GableStage's goal to establish a new permanent home. The theatre enjoys stalwart annual operating support from the County and, due to a recent bequest, has a strong balance sheet and financial position.

The exciting but notable challenge that the next leader must embrace is to grow the organization in readiness to succeed in a new, larger theater, with the requisite cultivation of patrons, and individual donors in full embrace of the community's unique diversity and political landscape. Additionally, as with many of America's theaters, the Board of Directors is comprised of long-standing individuals committed to the institution and the previous Artistic Director. Governance evolution is a likely priority.

## Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Producing Artistic Director is responsible for guiding the artistic vision and direction, overseeing all aspects of the institution and organizational execution, and delivery of services GableStage provides to the community.

## Knowledge, Skills and Attributes

- Demonstrated capacity to articulate a strong and inspiring vision for the theater
- Breadth of knowledge and commitment to a full range of theater, with notable emphasis on contemporary, cutting edge work that addresses the issues of our time
- Leadership experience reflecting understanding of the critical intersection of artistic choices, audience engagement and financial outcomes
- Achievement as a producer and stage director
- Ability to guide and evaluate the performance of artists and staff members
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; comfortable with public speaking
- Sophistication in navigating a complex political environment
- Budgeting expertise; proficient in standard computer office suite software thinker
- Strategic thinker
- Collaborative and cooperative nature
- Open-minded; flexible



Salary and benefits are competitive with other organizations of comparable stature and size as well as in consideration of the location of the opportunity. The position will remain open until filled; however, the board hopes to make a decision in the fall of 2020. GableStage is an equal opportunity employer.

### Application Process

Please direct all inquiries and submissions to Lynette Turner, Senior Associate, AMS Planning & Research: [lturner@ams-online.com](mailto:lturner@ams-online.com). To be considered for this position you must submit a current résumé, cover letter, salary requirement, at least three recent, professional references with contact information. Your submissions will be maintained in the strictest confidence.