



Board Member Guidelines

The Board of Directors bears collective and individual responsibilities. Collectively, it is responsible for certain fundraising initiatives and has certain budgetary and fiduciary duties. Individually, the responsibilities may vary from person to person depending on each Board member's financial means, special skills and abilities. The Board's strength is dependent on the cooperative efforts of its individual members. Therefore, each director will be expected to do the things necessary to enable the Board to fulfill its responsibilities.

Members of the Board of Directors should:

- Feel a personal commitment to Theatreworks' mission of providing the best possible theatre to the largest number of children.
- Volunteer time and expend efforts to help us accomplish our mission.
- Comfortably be able to meet the stipulated \$5,000 give/get commitment.
- Commit to attending quarterly Board meetings, Committee meetings, and fundraising events.
- Actively serve on a Committee of their choosing that matches their skill set and interests.
- Become familiar with the Theatreworks operation and the programs it represents.
- Initiate and support staff in fundraising, special projects and committee activities.
- Eventually feel comfortable taking-on a leadership position in the Board.

Members of the Board of Directors come from all walks of life and professional backgrounds. In order to continue diversifying the skill sets of the Board, Theatreworks is especially interested - though not limited to - candidates with the following professional backgrounds:

- Practicing lawyer with a concentration in labor law.
- Members of the hedge fund industry and/or access to Wall Street.
- Expertise in education and youth.
- Access to politicians and the Mayor's Office.
- Leadership in the NYC artistic community.
- Leader from a youth-oriented major national corporation.
- Leader from a high-asset private foundation which gives on the national/international level.
- Members with comfortable access to celebrity parents and/or high net-worth individuals.

Other characteristics which match the leaders we seek for the Board of Directors include:

- Appreciation for the arts and their role in child development.
- Strong commitment to Theatreworks and the ability to make it their philanthropic priority.
- Willingness to advocate for Theatreworks outside of Board and Committee meetings.
- Members with an ethnic cultural background.