

## **Marin Shakespeare Company – Artistic Director Search**

Marin Shakespeare Company (MSC) is an award-winning organization located just north of San Francisco in San Rafael, California, the county seat of Marin County, traditional home of the Coast Miwok. Established in 1989, MSC is a founder-led organization embarking on its first Executive search for an Artistic Director to succeed the current founding Artistic Director who is stepping aside after 31 years of service.

The incoming Artistic Director will ideally have an expansive background in the theatre arts and share a passion for both Shakespeare and Social Justice, bringing vision and energy for programming in all of Marin Shakespeare Company venues, and virtually, if necessary. The new Artistic Director will ideally commence work in the summer or fall of 2021.

### **ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Marin Shakespeare Company is a performing arts company that operates three areas of programming and two facilities.

#### PROGRAMMING

##### *On Stage*

MSC produces three outdoor summer productions each season. Typically, two of the productions have been Shakespeare plays, while the third has included productions by other playwrights, including a very successful musical in 2020. In addition, MSC produces performances of autobiographical stories by its Returned Citizens Theatre Troupe.

##### *Education*

MSC's Arts Education Programs serve over 5,000 students annually (mostly low-income students and Title I schools) and include in-schools Creative Dramatics for elementary schools; Shakespeare instruction for middle and high schools; classes, camps, and Intern Programs; and the Teen Touring Company. MSC also has a long-term partnership with Marin's Community School, which serves some of the most system-challenged students in our community.

##### *Social Justice*

MSC's Social Justice programs started with a single Shakespeare class at San Quentin State Prison in 2003 and have grown into over 20 programs at 14 carceral institutions serving men, women, and youth. Marin Shakespeare Company is the largest provider of Shakespeare in Prison programs in the world. Programs include

Shakespeare, autobiographical story-telling, Acting for Veterans, Drama for Re-Entry, and workshops at San Quentin with actors who are incarcerated and local student groups.

## FACILITIES

### *Forest Meadows Amphitheatre*

MSC's outdoor summer productions are produced at the newly renovated outdoor Forest Meadows Amphitheatre located on the campus of Dominican University. The Amphitheatre was built in 1967 and has a seating capacity of 600.

### *514 Fourth Street*

Several years ago, Marin Shakespeare Company purchased a 15,000 square foot building at 514 Fourth Street in downtown San Rafael. MSC is in the process of a Capital Campaign to build a Center for Performing Arts, Education, and Social Justice which will be housed at this location. This venue will have a 165-seat indoor theatre, classrooms, administrative offices, and storage space for costumes, props, and sets. Currently, the venue is used for classes, meetings, auditions, rehearsals, and rentals. MSC has raised \$5M of a \$6.5M capital goal. MSC currently has a full-time staff of seven and a pre-Covid19 annual budget of \$1.7M, currently at \$1.2M.

## PHILOSOPHY

Marin Shakespeare Company has a strong commitment to social justice, equity, and inclusion, and wants to be a leader in social change and creating an anti-racist future. MSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and strongly welcomes applicants with diverse backgrounds.

**More detailed information about Marin Shakespeare Company and its commitment to "Playing for Good" may be found online at [marinshakespeare.org](http://marinshakespeare.org).**

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