

Welcoming Nicki Poer to the Civic

I am happy to let you know that we have hired Nicki Poer to fill our recently created Director of Education Outreach and Youth Programs position. In addition to a Bachelors Degree in Theatre from Milikin University and an M.F.A. in Acting from the University of Montana, Nicki possesses a strong background in education and outreach.

Originally from Illinois, Nicki most recently worked for the prestigious Hartford Stage, as the Education Associate for Community-Based Programs. Prior to her tenure in Connecticut, she served as the Tour Marketing Assistant for the highly regarded Missoula Children's Theatre. Ms. Poer taught at the University of Montana for four years.

We were looking for someone that could serve as the cornerstone of our well established youth program,



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which includes three productions each season, a year-round schedule of classes and camps, and numerous outreach activities. With her outstanding background and creative, passionate approach to education, Nicki fits the bill perfectly.

As part of her rigorous interview process for this position,

Nicki taught a class with some of our students. The way she interacted with the students was extremely impressive, and her approach to curriculum development is very much in keeping with our vision. I am confident that Nicki will also work with schools and youth organizations to build even stronger relationships within the community. I truly believe that the lives of local children can be greatly enhanced by the programming we offer here at the Civic and with a motivated self starter like Nicki Poer building bridges in the community; we will surely be able to impact untold numbers of children in a very positive way.

I hope you'll join me in welcoming Nicki to Kalamazoo and to the Civic.


— **Kristen Chesak**
Managing Director