

Stage Carpenter

DEPARTMENT: Production

CLASSIFICATION: IATSE Hourly

SCHEDULE: Weekdays, weeknights, weekends and/or holidays

STATUS: Non-exempt

REPORTS TO: Production Management, Technical Direction Staff

WORKS WITH: LJP Staff, Visiting Artists & Designers, IATSE Labor, UCSD Residents & Students

SUPERVISES: IATSE Carpenters, Welders, Riggers; IATSE Apprentices and Pre-Apprentices

STATEMENT OF JOB

Under the direction of the Technical Direction Staff and Production Management, the Stage Carpenter serves as a key member of La Jolla Playhouse's Production Staff. The position is expected to function in a fast-paced and detail-critical environment acting as the primary technician backstage, ensuring the quality, safety, and integrity of all La Jolla Playhouse productions to which assigned.

The Stage Carpenter is responsible for all scenery during technical rehearsals, previews, and performances, as well as collaborating with Stage Management and other department heads on the coordination of backstage space. Key to the success of those projects, the Stage Carpenter, in conjunction with the Technical Direction Staff, Shop Foreman, and Production Management, will take an active role in communicating with other IATSE Stage hands and staff to ensure successful execution of all designed scenic elements.

The Stage Carpenter supervises day to day operations of the stage from first technical rehearsals through final performance for any productions produced or presented by La Jolla Playhouse to which they are assigned. The Stage Carpenter must be able to work well as either the sole backstage crew, or leading a large crew through complex scene changes. The Stage Carpenter's primary responsibility is to maintain a safe backstage space, being the eyes and ears for all transitions and solving problems as they arise through the run of the show. The strongest candidate is a leader and technician committed to the artistic vision and mission of La Jolla Playhouse.

JOB DUTIES

- In conference with the Technical Direction Staff, execute and maintain the technical requirements of the production in a safe and efficient manner.
- Collaborate with the Stage Management team and other Department Heads to ensure a safe and effective use of backstage resources.
- Lead the Production Stage crew in the safe and successful tech, preview, and performance of all shows to which they are assigned.
- As the production requires, fabricate, install, organize, transport, repair and maintain all scenery elements.
- As Department Head for the backstage crew the Stage Carpenter is responsible for all Technical Rehearsals, Put-In Rehearsals, Understudy Rehearsals, Performances, to which they are assigned.
- Maintain stage facilities and related equipment to ensure a safe and clean environment, including rigging and stage mechanics.
- Responsible for securing the backstage areas during an emergency as well as contacting the necessary personnel including stage management and front of house staff during such emergencies.
- Responsible for securing the facility and the backstage areas after technical rehearsals and performances.
- Responsible for the communication of running notes during the technical rehearsal process between Stage Crew and staff.
- Inform, assist in the creation of, and maintain paperwork essential to the operation of the production including crew tracks, run notes, automation and fly cueing, and swing assignments.
- Manage a crew of 1 to 20 people.
- Attend production meetings, run throughs, tech rehearsal, previews, and note sessions as requested by the Technical Direction Staff or Production Management.
- Assists in risk assessments and reviews with Technical Direction Staff and Production Management to achieve workable and safe productions at all levels.
- Function in a professional and collegial manner when collaborating with all theatre personnel, professional creative teams, staff, management and other visiting artists.
- Enhance and support the educational and institutional mission of La Jolla Playhouse.
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- 4 plus years of professional experience in theatrical installation, scenic methods, and backstage management (LORT Experience Preferred).
- Works well under pressure and time constraints, maintaining a calm demeanor in the face of new and unexpected challenges.
- Ability to effectively communicate with production team.
- Ability to work well with designers, actors and others in a calm, flexible manner in a position which is by nature subject to much change with little notice.
- Demonstrated skills and detailed knowledge of counterweight fly systems, special effects, scenic carpentry, welding, rigging, complex automation solutions, and soft goods/fabric maintenance and general repair.
- Demonstrated success in time and personnel management (Calendars, Schedules, Production Process).
- Knowledge of and dedication to safe working practices, ETCP Certification and OSHA 10 a plus.
- Possess strong critical thinking, attention to detail, problem solving, and organizational skills.
- Ability to read and execute scenic design and construction drawings.
- Computer skills desired: PC, Microsoft Office, Automation control (Creative Conners) preferred, Autocad a Plus.
- Ability to climb and work on ladders, lifts, catwalks, and grids.
- Ability to regularly lift 50lbs or more.
- Valid Driver's License and reliable transportation.

TO APPLY

Send cover letter, resume, and references to: productionjobs@ljp.org.

PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE SUBJECT LINE "Stage Carpenter"

Electronic submissions only

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Non-discrimination Statement

The La Jolla Playhouse will not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, gender identity, genetic information, sex or sexual orientation, or any other protected category in its hiring and employment practices, or in any other aspect of the employment relationship.

Inclusive Statement

We encourage applicants with a unique perspective inclusive of race, color, religion, familial status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age and physical ability to apply. We are committed to diversity in all areas of our work, on and off stage. La Jolla Playhouse is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE), and all qualified applications will receive consideration.