

Stitcher

- DEPARTMENT:** Costumes
CLASSIFICATION: IATSE Hourly
STATUS: Non-Exempt (hourly)
PAY: \$26.97/hr
LOCATION: La Jolla, CA on the beautiful campus of the University of California, San Diego
SCHEDULE: Weekdays, weeknights, weekends, some holidays, some overtime
REPORTS TO: Lead Draper/Tailor, Costume Supervisor, Production Management
WORKS WITH: LJP Staff, IATSE Labor, Visiting Artists & Designers, UCSD Residents
- POSTING DATE:** April 2022
TO APPLY: Submit a cover letter and resume to productionjobs@ljp.org. Please include in the subject line – “Stitcher”

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

La Jolla Playhouse is a place where artists and audiences come together to create what's new and next in the American theatre, from Tony Award-winning productions, to imaginative programs for young audiences, to interactive experiences outside our theatre walls. Founded in 1947 by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer, the Playhouse is currently led by Tony Award winner Christopher Ashley, the Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse, and Managing Director Debby Buchholz. The Playhouse is internationally renowned for the development of new plays and musicals, including mounting 105 world premieres, commissioning 60 new works, and sending 33 productions to Broadway, garnering a total of 38 Tony Awards, as well as the 1993 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. These works include the Broadway hits *Come From Away*, *Diana* and *Memphis*, all directed by Ashley; *The Who's Tommy*; the Pulitzer Prize-winning *I Am My Own Wife*; and *Jersey Boys*.

La Jolla Playhouse is committed to diversity in all areas of our work, on and off stage. We lead with our values and encourage individuals with unique perspectives to apply. La Jolla Playhouse is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

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STATEMENT OF JOB

Under the direction of the Lead Draper/Tailor and Costume Supervisor, the Stitcher serves as a key member of La Jolla Playhouse's Production Department Staff. This position works in a fast-paced and detail-critical environment. The Stitcher works with the Lead Draper/Tailor and First Hand to construct costumes, perform alterations, and execute costume notes for all assigned La Jolla Playhouse productions. The strongest candidate is an artist and technician committed to the artistic vision, mission and values of La Jolla Playhouse.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

- Construct costumes using a variety of sewing and tailoring techniques, while following instructions from other workroom personnel.
- Alter and modify existing garments as needed.
- Execute costume notes after fittings and during technical rehearsals as assigned by Costume Supervisor, Lead Draper/Tailor.
- Assist in measuring actors as requested by the Lead Draper/Tailor and Costume Supervisor.
- Assist in fittings if requested by the Lead Draper/Tailor, Costume Supervisor, and Costume Designer.
- Be innovative in the research, development, and creation of unusual specialty items as called for in the scripts for LJP productions.
- Advise Lead Draper/Tailor and Costume Supervisor of any issues arising out of the build process and offer solutions if applicable.
- Keep all assigned costume shop workspaces in a clean, organized, and safe manner.
- Participate in shop clean up and specific maintenance or cleanup projects as assigned by the Costume Supervisor.
- Assist in the organization, restock, and maintenance of costume shop resources, including garments, fabric and notions, tools, supplies, and equipment.
- Assist the Wardrobe Supervisor and Dressers in the repair and maintenance on items in use in current production when necessary.
- Inventory, prepare, and pack costume pieces for shows with future productions scheduled outside of the La Jolla Playhouse.
- Unpack, fit, repair, and repack costume pieces on received co-productions.
- Attend costume shop staff meetings.
- Perform all work in a timely, safe and sensible manner.
- Be an active participant in LJP's work towards being a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive workplace.
- Perform other duties as assigned in collaboration with theatre personnel, professional creative teams, staff, management and other visiting artists.

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REQUIREMENTS & PROFICIENCIES

- Demonstrated experience as a Stitcher in a theatrical costume environment or a combination of equivalent experience and training.
- Possess a working knowledge of costume construction related disciplines including alteration techniques, machine sewing (industrial and domestic), hand sewing, and safe use of costume shop machinery.
- Have a working knowledge of costume shop/theater terminology and costume construction materials such as fabrics, interfacing, closures, and other notions.
- Be willing to experiment with new materials and learn new techniques.
- Knowledge of and dedication to safe working practices (OSHA 10 a plus).
- Possess strong critical thinking skills, an eye for detail, ability to problem solve, good organizational skills, and be able to carry out projects from beginning to end.
- Able to meet deadlines and adapt to changing priorities while maintaining a positive and productive attitude.
- Commitment to uphold and meaningfully engage with the mission, vision, and values of La Jolla Playhouse.
- Being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by an FDA approved vaccine is a condition of employment.
- Access to reliable transportation.