

Actors Theatre of Louisville
DECK CARPENTER (SEASONAL)
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Position: Deck Carpenter (Seasonal)
Reports To: Associate Technical Director
Department: Sets
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Start Date: 07/15/2019
End Date: 04/26/2020

About Actors Theatre of Louisville:

Actors Theatre of Louisville, the State Theatre of Kentucky and home of the Humana Festival of New American Plays, invites applications for the position of Deck Carpenter (Seasonal).

Actors Theatre seeks to create a truly brave space where diverse identities, ideas, cultures, and opinions are cultivated. Our core values are Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Brave Curiosity, Listening and Sharing and Adaptability. Because of its conviction that the diversity of a community is its defining strength, Actors Theatre is committed to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in all areas of its work, including its community engagement efforts, productions, casting, education programs, recruitment of staff, students, apprentices, and volunteers, and the composition of the Board of Directors. We strongly encourage applications from women, persons of color, LGBTQ individuals, and others who demonstrate a commitment to equity and social justice.

Actors Theatre's mission is to unlock human potential, build community and enrich quality of life by engaging people in theater that reflects the wonder and complexity of our time. Actors' vision is to be a leading arts organization locally and nationally, serving as a catalyst for creativity, innovation, inspiration and education in our community and field.

Summary of Position:

The Deck Carpenter will assist Stage Management in the technical aspects of a production by aiding scene shifts, provide on-site technical support of the productions and often help supervise run crew during technical rehearsals and performances. This position will also spend a large amount of time helping the scenic department in the build, load in and load out of all productions while not on show call duty.

Essential Functions:

- Participate in large scene changes involving movement of furniture, set pieces, and properties during technical rehearsals and performances. Scene changes may include but are not limited to the operation of winches, elevators, fly systems, physically lifting or maneuvering an item, or any combination of the above. Scene changes may be either backstage or in full view of the audience.
- Assist in resolving problems involved with moving scenery including rigging, winches, elevators and revolves.
- Assist carpenters with the construction of scenery.
- Maintain a high awareness of the installation of scenery on all assigned stages, including mechanically moving pieces, stationary pieces and flying pieces.
- Assume leadership of the installation of scenery without direct supervision when required by the demands of the production.
- Help ensure design specifications and installation meet fire and ADA codes.
- Prepare area around stage: including special railings, seat installation or removal or painting vomms and tiers.
- Assist Stage Management with coordinating the efforts of run crew who have been assigned to help with scene shifts.
- Execute periodic and daily inspections of all stage equipment.
- Assist with any duties necessary for the smooth running of the performance and consistently reproduce technical accuracy in performance related duties.
- Collect and provide documentation of all performance related duties.
- Maintain and repair all physical equipment related to show operation after opening night. Additional assistance from the scenic department may be necessary for large repairs.
- Maintain appearance of set, furniture, or properties by making repairs or consulting with Properties or Scenic staff.
- Consult with designers and/or other supervisors on specific solutions to problems.
- Provide leadership for scenery and properties changeovers during repertory production runs.
- Attend spacing rehearsals, shift rehearsals, brush-up rehearsals and understudy rehearsals, as deemed necessary by the Technical Directors.
- Purchase and maintain all scenery and prop expendables during the run of a production.
- Assist with major maintenance or renovation of stages, storage areas, backstage shops, etc.
- Assist in maintenance or renovation of building requiring special skills.
- Carry out other duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by direct supervisor or management.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Broad knowledge in carpentry, metal working, rigging, tools, theatrical machinery and products.
- Basic understanding of sewing.
- Strong communication skills.
- Ability to understand theatrical production.
- Ability to understand mechanical movements and associated cause and effect relationships within mechanical and automated systems.
- Ability to lift, push, pull or otherwise maneuver up to 75lbs repeatedly, either alone or with assistance.
- Ability to work on ladders, mechanical lifts or other high places.
- Ability to work comfortable in confined spaces.
- Ability to work as a team member and leader while maintaining a positive attitude in stressful situations.
- Ability to unite and collaborate with staff, stakeholders, community leaders and vendors.

Minimum Qualifications:

- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Two (2) years professional experience.
- Work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends.
- Must be highly motivated and a self-starter.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Working knowledge of theatre practices.
- Past work with Automation systems such as Creative Conners.

Compensation:

Compensation will be \$500/week. The range of benefits includes medical and dental insurance, long-term and short-term disability insurance, paid time off and a 403(b) retirement plan.



Kevin E. Moore, Managing Director

To Apply:

Applicants for this position should email cover letter, resume, and three (3) Professional References to:

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No phone calls please.

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