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Position Description Costume Wardrobe Dresser Seasonal, Non-Exempt Employee

Position Overview

California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes) is looking for detail-oriented, resourceful, and collaborative Costume Wardrobe Dresser (*also known as Wardrobe Run Crew, Costumier*) for our 2019 season. The Wardrobe Dresser works with the Wardrobe Lead to implement the care, use and wearing of finished costumes, wigs and make-up in technical rehearsals, dress rehearsals, previews and performances.

The Organization

Cal Shakes is an award-winning, nationally recognized regional theater, with offices in Berkeley, an outdoor main stage performance venue in Orinda, and community programs throughout the Bay Area. Cal Shakes expands access to and relevance of the arts by fostering a participatory culture among a diversity of audiences, artists, and learners throughout the Bay Area. California Shakespeare Theater has an inclusive work environment and actively embraces a diversity of people, ideas, talents, and experiences. We highly encourage people of color, individuals with disabilities, and other historically underrepresented groups in our community to apply.

Our Mission

Cal Shakes redefines the classical theater for the 21st Century, making works of extraordinary artistry that engage with our contemporary moment so we might learn about ourselves and each other in the fullness of our world.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Mission Statement

At Cal Shakes, we believe that equity is a practice. Our actions—both onstage and off—can have a positive social impact by exposing oppression, addressing historic injustices, and showing how power can be transformed and shared in different ways. We endeavor to dismantle systemic bias by actively including, reflecting, and creating opportunities for our diverse Bay Area communities. We recognize that this work is ongoing and often imperfect, but we are committed to facilitating respect for the many facets of the human experience.

Responsibilities

- Checks in and reviews costumes prior to each rehearsal and performance, and post-performance before dressing room lock up.
- Helps Maintain assigned Dressing rooms, Quick change areas and Wardrobe rooms.
- Will assist performers in dressing into and out of costumes, wigs, hair pieces, and make-up.
- Presets and retrieves costumes and any other accessories for quick changes.
- Advises Wardrobe Lead on matters of specific rigging or actor comfort as necessary.
- Cleans and maintains Wigs and hair pieces, according to directions from Wig Master and Wardrobe Lead.
- Assists with the application of any specialty make-up as instructed by the Wig Master, or under the guides of Wardrobe Lead.
- Assists Wardrobe Lead with costume maintenance notes, and costume care and prep for the production.
- Maintains a calm, professional demeanor for performers in their care.
- Performs other duties as assigned by Wardrobe Lead, or Wig Master.

Time Commitment: 30-40 hours per week; with occasional overtime.

Duration: 3-5 months between May 15 and October 15, 2019.

Supervision: The **Wardrobe-Dresser** position is supervised by the **Costume Director** and **Wardrobe Lead**

Qualifications

You are an ideal candidate if you:

- Share with us a respect for diverse backgrounds and voices and a commitment to inclusion and equity
- Enjoy working in a diverse, creative, collaborative, and fast-paced environment
- Are self-motivated, responsible, and highly creative
- Prior Backstage Costume, Wig and Make-Up related experience.
- Demonstrated Wig and Hair Styling experience.
- Demonstrated experience in Make-Up application.
- Basic sewing skills as they relate to repairs and quick-change rigging.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.

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- Ability to work as a team player.
- Ability to remain calm during high-pressure quick-change situations.
- Good interpersonal, communication, organizational, and time management skills.

Special Environmental Factors:

- Variable schedule, some evening and weekend hours.
- Theater is open-air with extended standing and walking on uneven surfaces.
- Work at the theater includes exposure to sunlight, and hot and cold weather for extended periods of time.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

Naomi Arnst
Costume Director
California Shakespeare Theater
701 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710

Email: narnst@calshakes.org (using “**Costume Wardrobe Dresser**” in subject line)

NOTE: Applicants *must provide availability between Mid June 2019 through Mid August 2019* in cover letter.

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