

Position Description
Lead Electrician/ Light Board Operator
Seasonal/Exempt position

The Opportunity

Cal Shakes is hiring a Lead Electrician (LE)/ Light Board Operator (LBO), a valuable member of a creative and dynamic Electrics Department. We have 4 Mainstage shows in our season and during load-in and tech periods the LE/LBO reports to the Master Electrician (ME) and assists the ME and Assistant Master Electrician (AME) in the full range of activities necessary for the load in, strike, and upkeep of all electrics for the season. The LE/LBO also attends tech meetings and communicates all changes and updates to the ME and AME.

During the run of the shows the LE/LBO reports to the Stage Manager and operates the light board for all performances. The LE/LBO is responsible for pre-show checks, maintenance, and repair of all electrics during the run of a show with the assistance of the spot operators. The LE/LBO is also responsible for all basic fixes, which fall within their skill set, to any scenic or prop notes that arise during performances under the supervision of the Technical Director and Props Master. We are looking for a person who likes to work outdoors, a team collaborator that aspires to be a part of the creation of great theater.

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.

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
- Have a minimum of two years professional experience working as an electrician and/or Bachelor's Degree in Technical Theater.
- Have experience and/or professional-level training with a variety of lighting equipment, including Colortran instruments, ETC products
- Have experience programming an ETC element
- Have solid written and verbal communication skills
- Can work unsupervised and lead a crew of electricians
- Be comfortable working at heights (ladders, genie lifts, catwalks, and truss), and be able to lift 30 pounds over your head. Experienced climber preferred.
- Have basic carpentry skills
- Have good time management and punctuality
- Previous outdoor theater experience preferred
- Have a valid driver's license. Own reliable transportation preferred.



Special Environmental Factors:

- 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.
- Variable schedule requires evening and weekend hours during load-ins and technical rehearsals. Some work calls can end as late as 4:30 am, but often around 2:30 am.

This position is available starting May 1, 2017 through October 13, 2017. Cal Shakes is unable to provide local housing or travel assistance.

Supervision: The Lead Electrician/ Light Board Operator reports to the Master Electrician and Stage Manager.

This is a Seasonal/Non-Exempt/Hourly position. Salary range \$15 – \$17 per hour based on experience.

Application deadline February 24, 2017.

Please submit cover letter and résumé to:

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Production Manager

California Shakespeare Theater

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Or email jcobham@calshakes.org (with “Lead Electrician Search” in the subject header)