

Position Description
Light Board Programmer
Seasonal/Non-Exempt position

The Opportunity

Cal Shakes is hiring a Light Board Programmer (LBP), a valuable member of a creative and dynamic Electrics Department. The LBP reports to the Master Electrician (ME) and the Production Manager (PM) and is charged primarily with working with our Lighting Designers during focus, tech, and previews through opening to program our 4 Mainstage shows. This is an exacting and rewarding position. 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 in theatrical electrics as a programmer/ME/AME.
- 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 verbal communication skills
- Are proactive and have the ability to work affectively on a team
- 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
- Have the ability to navigate smoothly through high pressure situations
- Have good time management & 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 15, 2017 through September 16th, 2017. Show titles and dates are below. There's also the possibility of working on one or all of our 4 mainstage shows. Cal Shakes is unable to provide local housing or travel assistance.

Supervision: The Light Board Programmer reports to the Master Electrician and Production Manager.

This is a Seasonal/Non-Exempt position. Salary range \$17 – \$19 per hour based on experience. Application deadline February 24, 2017.

Please submit cover letter and résumé to:

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California Shakespeare Theater
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Or email [jacobham@calshakes.org](mailto:jcobham@calshakes.org) (with "Light Board Programmer Search" in the subject header)

2017 Show Dates:

- **As You Like It:** 1st Rehearsal- April 25th/ 1st Tech- May 18th/ 1st Preview- May 24th/ Opening- May 27th
- **The Glass Menagerie:** 1st Rehearsal- June 6th/ 1st Tech- June 29th/1st Preview- July 5th/Opening- July 8th
- **black odyssey:** 1st Rehearsal- July 11th/ 1st Tech- August 3rd /1st Preview- August 9th/ Opening- Aug. 12th
- **Measure For Measure:** 1st Tech - September 8th/ 1st Preview- Sept. 13th/ Opening at – Sept. 16th