

STUDIO THEATRE

STAFF CARPENTER

DEPARTMENT: Production
REPORTS TO: Technical Director

ABOUT STUDIO THEATRE

Studio Theatre is “one of America’s most celebrated theatres” (*Washingtonian*). Studio produces the work of today’s greatest writers, augmented by occasional productions of modern classics. Studio’s work is marked by its emphasis on excellence in acting and design, and the signature intimacy of its four theatres, all of which intentionally seat fewer than 225 patrons. The quality of this work has been recognized over its 38-year history by sustained community support and 64 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in professional theatre.

Studio Theatre is also committed to nurturing future generations of theatre professionals. Toward this end, Studio offers rigorous theatre training for both adults and young people, provides year-long apprenticeships for early-career arts leaders, and involves emerging talent in the creation of its work. Studio believes in accessibility and inclusion, and opens its doors to students and audiences across the region through a wide variety of outreach programs. A premiere cultural organization in Washington DC, Studio Theatre is proud to make a vital contribution to its neighborhood and city.

THE OPPORTUNITY

JOB PURPOSE:

- To work with the scene shop staff to build, load-in, and strike for up to (11) AEA Studio Theatre productions per year in any of the 4 venues used as performance spaces.
- To maintain scene shop equipment in all venues at Studio Theatre.

KEY RESULT AREAS:

- Implement build drawings provided by Technical Director on schedule.
- Build, load-in, and strike scenery in an efficient and safe manner.
- Collaborate with the Technical Director and scene shop staff to solve production challenges.
- Maintain and repair equipment in the scene shop and performance venues
- Assist in the upkeep of inventory of the scene shop and performance spaces.
- Maintain a clean and safe working environment in the Scene Shop and performance spaces.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The safe construction of all scenery for Studio Theatre productions.
- Assist with the load-in of scenery for Studio Theatre productions.
- Assist in the strike of all scenery for Studio Theatre productions.
- Clearly communicate the progress of projects to the Technical Director.
- Maintain a neat and safe workspace.
- Assist Technical Director in maintaining shop inventory. This may include ordering supplies from approved Studio vendors.
- Assist in the training of the scene shop apprentice in all areas of scenery construction.
- Assist in maintaining a clean scene shop and performance venues
- Attend all meetings related to the Studio season as assigned including, Production Kickoff, all necessary Production meetings, 1st Rehearsal events, All Staff Meetings, all necessary Production Staff meetings and Staff Runs.
- Be prepared to act as Technical Director, if necessary
- Other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- High School diploma and/or 2-3 years appropriate theatrical work experience, BA or BFA in technical theater preferred.
- Excellent carpentry skills including the ability to build a variety of theatrical set pieces quickly and accurately.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to work on projects both on an individual basis and in a group.
- Ability to read and build off of construction drawings.
- Knowledge and experience with theatrical rigging.
- High level of skill in MIG welding.
- Knowledge of theatrical steel construction techniques.
- Ability to manage over hire, apprentice, and intern carpenters.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Ability to lift 75lbs multiple times during the course of the day.

This is a full-time, non-exempt position. Competitive salary with excellent benefits including matching 401K.
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