

## **LEAD TECHNICIAN – Merryman Performing Arts Center (MPAC), Kearney NE**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Under the direction of the Operations Manager, the full-time Lead Technician supports technical aspects of events including, but not limited to, audio, lighting, stage set-up/restoration, and related functions for professional productions, student performances, and community events that take place at the MPAC and the Kearney High School Concert Hall and Theatre.

### **TYPICAL DUTIES**

Oversee technical aspects of event production, including touring company load-in/out, event set-up/teardown, and use of the audio, lighting, and rigging systems.

Work with touring technical and artistic personnel, school faculty, venue staff, and community members to see that programs and events run smoothly and successfully.

Assist with maintenance and repair of technical equipment and theatre systems, including cleaning equipment, soldering wires, and other duties.

Assist with developing and implementing policies and procedures related to stage operations.

Serve as the chief event safety officer for the auditorium, stage, and backstage areas in the absence of the Operations Manager.

Perform and supervise limited set construction, painting, basic rigging, and other stagecraft activities as needed.

Perform other duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Required: Knowledge of modern theatre audio and lighting systems; experience in audio engineering and basic lighting design; working knowledge of stage rigging and counterweight systems and standard operation; knowledge of electrical circuits and the ability to perform basic wiring; ability to effectively supervise and train others; strong interpersonal communication skills.

Must be able to: perform the basic functions of the position; work a flexible schedule as needed to perform specific jobs and/or assignments; work cooperatively with the public, faculty, and staff; work independently with minimal supervision; work as a member of a crew comprised of students and professionals; understand and interpret technical riders, ground plans, sections, light plots, etc.; communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing; provide exceptional customer service to a wide variety of clients in the execution of events; exercise good judgment; be detail oriented; recognize and solve problems; use technology, computers, and software.

Preferred: Theatre degree with a technical emphasis or commensurate experience.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Shawn Deiger, MPAC Operations Manager, at [shadeiger@kearneycats.com](mailto:shadeiger@kearneycats.com). For further information, contact (308) 698-8299. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.