Weston Playhouse Theatre Company
PROPERTIES MASTER
Seasonal, Full-time Staff

Reports to: Production and Operations Manager
Start Date: May 18, 2020
End Date: September 10, 2020
Work Week: 6 days, 8-10 hours/day, day off may vary week to week
Housing: Single room, shared kitchen and bath in company housing
Compensation: $500-550/week, housing included

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Oversee the successful engineering, construction, installation and strike of props, furniture, and set dressing elements for 7 shows on 2 stages, actively participating in prop creation as needed;
- Ensure completion of all props and set dressing elements for each production to the satisfaction of WPTC and Set Designers;
- Coordinate with Stage Management and other departments as needed to support prop needs in rehearsal; educate Stage Management staff and performers in appropriate usage and operation of specific props;
- Order all necessary materials and supplies in timely manner; track deliveries and purchases and submit all necessary paperwork to Production Manager;
- Consistently maintain and organize prop and furniture storage areas;
- Work with Production Management to ensure all shows are completed within deadlines and budgets;
- Supervise Prop Shop staff which includes Props Assistant, Props/Costume Intern, and Props Intern, along with occasional other helpers;
- Collaborate with Technical Director and Scenic Charge on construction schedules of certain items as needed;
- Communicate proactively with Scenic Designers, Stage Managers, Directors, and other production department heads to ensure safe and appropriate implementation of all prop elements to the satisfaction of WPTC;
- Attend all scheduled production and department head meetings;
- Oversee safety and well-being of those working in prop shop and actively participate in and promote a culture of job safety in all work areas;
- Ensure that personnel are properly trained in operation of machinery and tools and use appropriate personal protective equipment while working in the shop, during load-ins, techs, and changeovers;
- Research, acquire, and maintain MSDS for products used or stored in the prop shop;
- Provide support for special events or company projects as needed.

Requirements:

- Mastery of prop and scenic prop construction and fabrication techniques, carpentry, upholstery, soft goods and crafts skills;
- Minimum of 2 years professional experience as Props Master or equivalent preferred;
- Excellent inter-personal, organizational, collaborative, communication, and leadership skills;
- Interest in mentoring and training up-and-coming technicians;
- Ability to safely lift 50 lbs. with assistance;
- Computer proficiency, own laptop;
- Proven ability to motivate, manage, educate, and coordinate staff members of varying proficiency levels;
- Demonstrated experience working on multiple productions within tight timelines and budgets;
- Valid driver’s license with clean driving record; own car with valid, current insurance coverage preferred. Must be willing to use personal vehicle for business purposes if necessary. Mileage will be reimbursed for all business-related trips;
- Ability to drive cargo vans and box trucks preferred;
- Demonstrated knowledge of industry and OSHA standard safety practices;
- Ensure proper maintenance and usage of all shop equipment and hand tools;
- Ability and willingness to work long days with irregular schedules with positive attitude;
- Ability to thrive in a rural area with limited cell phone service.

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To apply, send cover letter, resume, and three references to hiring@westonplayhouse.org.

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