

Job Title: Draper
Department: Costume Shop
Location: 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA
Reports To: Manager of Costumes and Wardrobe
Date: August 10, 2017
Position Status: Full-time Seasonal with benefits, Exempt

Description

Boston Ballet seeks a full-time seasonal draper. Internationally acclaimed performances, world-class dance education, and ground-breaking community initiatives have placed Boston Ballet as a leader in its field and one of the major dance companies in the world. The ideal candidate for the draper position has 3-5 years minimum experience draping costumes at a professional theater level and will lead a team forward on projects in conjunction with the other teams in place. Work involves new builds with internationally acclaimed designers and choreographers as well as remounts of existing and rented productions as needed. Competitive pay and benefits commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities

- Draping and pattern making for assigned designs.
- Fitting new and existing costumes as assigned by Manager of Costumes and Wardrobe.
- Supervising alterations and finish work on assigned costumes.
- Measuring new Artists as needed.
- Scheduling crew with approval of Manager of Costumes and Wardrobe. Anticipating need for overtime or overhire work. Notifying Manager in case schedule is not being met.
- Supervising crew. Monitoring crew safety.
- Maintaining excellence of product.
- Training inexperienced personnel as necessary.
- Maintaining clean and organized tables and racks.
- Attending Dress Rehearsals, taking notes, and trouble-shooting back stage.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Minimum MFA in costume technology or comparable professional experience.
- Minimum 3-5 years draping in a costume shop at a professional level.
- In depth knowledge of ballet costumes, costume history, construction, and historic patterns.
- The willingness and desire to learn and teach new methods.
- Knowledge of sewing and textiles, especially stretch garments.
- Knowledge of machinery used in costume construction and ability to perform weekly maintenance on that equipment.
- Demonstrated supervisory experience in a professional theater setting.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure.
- Strong problem solving skills
- Good organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent attention to detail.

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Contact Information:

To apply for this position, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs@bostonballet.org.

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