

University of Connecticut
Department of Dramatic Arts

Position: Associate Professor of Technical Direction (Search# 2014586)

The Department of Dramatic Arts at the University of Connecticut invites applications for Tenure Track, Associate Professor of Technical Direction position.

The department is seeking an experienced Technical Director to direct the Technical MFA program and be the Executive Technical Director for Connecticut Repertory Theatre Productions which includes 4 Main Stage and 2 Studio (small proscenium) productions and up to 4 small scale student productions each year.

Duties and Requirements: Candidate will provide technical direction and oversight for all productions in the theatres administrated by the Department of Dramatic Arts which include a 500 seat proscenium arch, 240 seat thrust and 116 seat proscenium. Position includes supervision of Associate Technical Director, 3 to 5 Graduate Assistants and 10 to 15 student shop crew. The Technical Director is directly responsible for the technical execution of all scenic construction and rigging including the installation, removal, and storage of all stock and constructed scenery. The job expectation includes collaboration with a faculty scenic artist and scheduling all scenic painting.

Other responsibilities includes working with faculty, artists, and production representatives to review drawings/drafting, to ascertain needs for each production and generate working drawings or supervise the preparation of working drawings by technical direction students. Managing budgets for each production and coordinating and maintaining the equipment set up and the loading and unloading of trucks is also expected, along with ordering and obtaining the materials for production. Performing safety checks on equipment and facilities including ensures that all safety guidelines and policies are met. The position also includes teaching two graduate level courses in the Technical Direction each semester and a 2-year rotating schedule of undergraduate courses in Scene Construction and Rigging. The graduate curriculum includes topics in Technical Direction, Computer Applications, Technical Analysis, CAD Drafting, Stage Mechanics, Shop Technology, Electricity, and Automation. Understanding of Sound and or Lighting or Projection Technology is a plus.

Minimum Qualifications: MFA in Technical Direction or Production; professional experience in stage touring or professional scene shops or project management; professional experience in all aspects of stage production methods and techniques; experience with single and double purchase permanent rigging systems; knowledge of wood and metal fabrication skills; as well as skill in computer aided drafting and design applications (AutoCAD or Vectorworks). Experience in managing technical budgets including developing estimates, material procurement, managing carpentry and welding shop; demonstrated proficiency in the use of PC and software applications and operating systems including Windows, Mac OSX, Microsoft Office, Adobe, AutoCAD, Vector Works, etc. The candidate should possess excellent organizational and collaboration skills; as well as networking knowledge and be able to work with well students and faculty in a

professional manner; follow university procedures and policies; and maintain confidentiality of student information.

Preferred Qualifications: Previous professional experience is in Technical Direction is preferred; demonstration of teaching course at graduate level. The candidate will ideally possess ETCP -Entertainment Technician Certification in stage rigging. Experience and knowledge of Sound, Lighting and Projection Technology is a plus.

This is a full-time, 9-month, tenure track appointment with an expected start date of August 2014. Review of applications will begin immediately. The successful candidate's primary academic appointment will be at the Storrs campus.

Please submit a letter of application, three (3) letters of references and current CV via Husky Hire. Application will be accepted until May 1st, 2014. Employment of the successful candidate will be contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check.

This job posting is scheduled to be removed at 11:59 PM eastern on May 1, 2014.

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