



Technical Director/Technical Theater Educator

Summary:

The Technical Director / Technical Theater Educator provides instructional leadership in technical theater, teaches technical theater courses, and collaborates with the Artistic Director to bring the artistic vision of Brentwood Academy theater productions to life. The Technical Director oversees the planning, design, construction, organization, and execution of technical elements, including scenery, lighting, sound, special effects, and related production needs. This position supports the school's mission of nurturing and challenging students by developing their technical theater skills through classroom instruction, hands-on experience, mentorship, and leadership opportunities. The Technical Director ensures productions are safe, efficient, organized, and of high artistic and technical quality while fostering a collaborative, creative, and educational environment in which students are challenged to grow as artists, technicians, and leaders.

Responsibilities:

Teaching and Student Development:

- Teach Technical Theater courses.
- Develop and implement curriculum in scenic construction, lighting, sound, props, stage management, theater safety, and production management.
- Train and mentor student technicians and crew leaders.
- Provide hands-on instruction in the scene shop and theater spaces.
- Foster student leadership through crew chief, stage management, and production leadership opportunities.
- Assess student learning and maintain classroom expectations consistent with Brentwood Academy standards.

Scenic Design & Construction:

- Collaborate with the director to develop scenic concepts that support each production.
- Produce construction drawings, build plans, and scenic layouts.
- Develop and manage production build schedules.
- Supervise student scenic construction.
- Coordinate construction of scenery, including platforms, flats, stair units, wagons, and specialty scenic elements.
- Oversee scenic painting, finishing, and installation.
- Ensure scenery is completed safely and on schedule.

Lighting:

- Design lighting for theater productions or mentor a student lighting designer.
- Hang, focus, and maintain lighting equipment.
- Program lighting consoles.
- Train student lighting technicians.
- Maintain lighting inventory and equipment.

Sound Support:

- Collaborate with the Sound Engineer / AV Coordinator(s) to ensure successful implementation of production sound.
- Assist with technical planning related to microphones and sound equipment.
- Train students in basic sound operation and backstage communication.

Scene Shop and Theater Facility Management:

- Maintain and organize the scene shop and technical theater workspaces.
- Maintain tools, equipment, and shop safety procedures.
- Oversee the organization of scenic inventory.
- Maintain reusable scenic stock, including: platforms, flats, stair units, wagons, doors and windows, and scenic hardware.
- Develop efficient storage systems for reusable production elements.

Production Planning & Collaboration:

- Collaborate with the director to develop technical production calendars and build schedule timelines.
- Manage production budgeting and purchasing for all technical elements of each production.
- Coordinate load-in, strike, and theater maintenance.
- Ensure productions remain on schedule and meet established quality standards.
- Prepare dressing room areas for each production.

Stage Management and Production Operations:

- Develop and mentor student stage managers.
- Train and supervise backstage crews.
- Coordinate scene changes and backstage operations.
- Assist in planning and executing technical rehearsals.
- Establish safe and efficient backstage procedures.

Preferred Qualifications/Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Technical Theater, Theater Design & Technology, Theater Education, or a related field; Master's degree preferred.
- Experience teaching technical theater in an educational setting.
- Experience in scenic construction and scenic design.
- Working knowledge of lighting, sound, props, and stage management.

- Strong organizational and project management skills.
- Ability to mentor students in a collaborative, Christ-centered educational environment.
- Affirm the Brentwood Academy Statement of Faith.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. The employee must be able to sit for extended periods while using a computer and keyboard and have sufficient mobility to move throughout the campus, including climbing stairs.

Characteristics of A Brentwood Academy Employee:

Brentwood Academy faculty and staff members are passionate learners and leaders. We exemplify Christ, see each student as unique and valuable, and intentionally occupy the intersection of our subject matter and how God has made us – body, mind, and spirit. Brentwood Academy implements well-planned student learning through a biblical worldview by employing a wide variety of instructional activities in response to students' varying needs and interests. We provide a rigorous curriculum and foster a deeply supportive academic environment for students to grow through developmentally appropriate learning experiences.