



*Founded in 1977, Childsplay's mission is "To create theatre so strikingly original in form, content or both, that it instills in young people an enduring awe, love, and respect for the medium, thus preserving imagination and wonder, those hallmarks of childhood, that are the keys to the future."*

## **Technical Director**

### **Overview**

Childsplay, an internationally acclaimed ensemble-based professional theatre for young audiences located in Tempe, Arizona (Greater Phoenix) seeks a proactive, creative individual to lead our Scenic Department. Childsplay produces 6 productions at the Herberger Theater Center on Stage West, 1 national tour, and 1 to 2 local state tours per year. Contract begins August 1, 2022.

**Reports to:** Production Manager

**Hours:** Full-time exempt position

**Compensation:** \$44,200 annual + benefits, PTO, and training opportunities. Relocation assistance is possible.

### **Job Summary and Responsibilities:**

- The Technical Director (TD) is responsible for the scenic aspects of productions produced by Childsplay at the Herberger Theater Center and for tour.
- Working within the established policies and procedures of the organization, with the assistance of a Master Carpenter and overhires and with oversight by the Production Manager
- Set build for each production per season
- Assist other designers as needed
- Establish and implement a weekly schedule to maintain the technical shop area and theater technical equipment
- Provide general support of the overall production quality of each show
- Assist in general maintenance of the shop
- Provide assistance when needed for technical set-ups on the property for special events
- Attend weekly staff meetings.

### **Experience:**

#### **The ideal candidate will possess:**

- At least 1-2 years of experience in design/construction of sets
- Working knowledge of AutoCAD or Vectorworks
- Must have experience in welding and rigging
- Ability to effectively delegate and lead a team that includes the Master Carpenter, and any over hires, as well as crews for load ins and strikes
- Adhere and manage a per production budget
- Ability to recruit, train, and retain over hires
- Strong organizational skills

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- Ability to adhere to schedules and meet all production deadlines
- Ability to lift at least 50lbs and climb ladders
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to drive large trucks and vans

**You'll be a great fit if:**

- You have a passion and enthusiasm for theatre, arts, and arts education.
- You are a critical thinker with an ability to problem solve
- You thrive in collaborative environments
- You are comfortable with managing multiple projects
- You stay calm under pressure
- You are self-directed and eager to grow
- You are enthusiastic about being part of a learning organization

This is a full-time exempt position. Salary is \$44,200 + DOE and is consistent with salaries of a mid-sized arts organization with a \$3+ million annual budget and includes a benefits package. The company offers multiple ongoing meaningful opportunities for professional development and learning for all employees.

Childsplay values equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) throughout our organization, programs, and audiences. We are committed to giving underrepresented artists a safe space to create art and community.

By welcoming people with differences in religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, gender identity, ability, and age we are better able to celebrate that which brings humankind together: Imagination and Wonder.

**To apply, please email [production@childsplayaz.org](mailto:production@childsplayaz.org) with your resume and cover letter.** We intend to begin interviews the third week of July and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit applications prior to July 15, 2022 to guarantee consideration for the job.

For more information about our company please visit [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org)

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