SCENIC CHARGE ARTIST

POSITION SUMMARY

Salary: $900 - $950/weekly with benefits
Location: Hartford, CT (in person)
Supervisory role: No
Department: Production
Reports to: Technical Director
Status: Full time, seasonal, non-exempt (40 hours per week)
Benefits: Yes

Who we are

Over the last year, we closed our theater doors to in-person performances, just like many others across the globe. We paused and used the time to listen, deliberate, and reflect. We looked at ourselves, and we looked at our home city—one that is mixed across differences such as race, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and more. At our core, we became consciously aware that we do not reflect the breadth and beauty of diversity the way we could and should.

As we open our doors once again, we at Hartford Stage are seizing the moment now and taking intentional, deliberate actions to truly become Hartford’s stage.

Who we’re looking for

Maybe you’ve worked in engineering, teaching, hospitality, carpentry, or IT. Maybe you were a bartender, a ride-share driver, a nurse, or an HR manager. Maybe you’ve been looking for a different place with new scenes and fresh lighting for a while, or maybe theater has been your life for a long time, and you can’t wait to get back. This role could be that opportunity.

The position we’re filling

As the scenic charge artist, you will ensure that the scenic designer’s vision becomes a reality. You are an incredible painter, communicator and organizer. You’re someone who enjoys seeing the big picture as well as concentrating on the details. You will problem solve and execute the finishes for the set, creating samples, finishing techniques, schedules, material choices and budgets and track expenses. All your work provides the finishing touches to the scenic design.

What you’ll be doing

- Collaborating with the technical director and scenic designer, determine the appropriate techniques and materials necessary for the realization of a particular design
- Preparing budgets, paint calendars, and work schedules for each show
- Preparing samples of color, texture, and other finishes as needed
- Preparing necessary material orders for scenic design
- Working with technical director and scenic designer through load-in and preview period to affect necessary changes and provide “on-site” finishes
- Ensure good housekeeping practices and clean-up of all paint areas both in the shop and at the theater
- Attending technical note sessions for each production as required by Technical Director
What you bring

Excellence in:

- Working collaboratively and inclusively, mindful that we each bring our own unique styles, thinking, cultures, and talents to the team
- Understanding of commonly used theatrical painting, textural, and sculptural techniques
- A deep knowledge of period décor
- Time management, prioritization and attention to detail with a commitment to follow-through
- Applying diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and anti-racist practices, as well as their direct impacts on department activities

Requirements:

- 3-5 years professional experience as a scenic artist in professional theater including experience as a scenic charge

Bonus points:

- Multilingual

What we bring

- A dynamic downtown location in a creative state capital with quick access to the coast, mountains, and many restaurants, shops, markets, breweries, and activities of all kinds
- An invitation to contribute to a team of talented and collaborative individuals committed to a Tony award-winning legacy
- A fun, engaging, inclusive, and equitable workplace committed to a transformative, experiential theater
- A once-in-a-career opportunity to make an impact in the field and in the Hartford community

A place where everyone belongs

Since the shutdown—under new artistic and executive leadership—our team has been actively engaged in reducing bias in all we do, and in the way we think about and practice equity, diversity, and inclusion—from drafting job postings to the performances we bring to our stage. It all begins with a workplace where every voice is heard, where every person is seen—a place where everyone belongs.

We look forward to welcoming you into the conversation. All are encouraged to apply.

Please email your letter of interest and most current resume to HR@hartfordstage.org.