

Position Overview

Job Title: Dresser

Reports to: Costume Shop Manager

FLSA Status: Salaried non-exempt

Compensation Rate: \$575.00/wk (avg. 40 hrs. + OT)

Benefits: Company Recognized Holidays, Barter Partnership Programs & Discounts, Housing

Position Summary

Barter Theatre is seeking a Dresser to be a part of the Gilliam Stage summer rep wardrobe team. The dresser works with the Wardrobe Supervisor and other dressers to assist the actors with dressing and quick changes, to clean and maintain all costumes, costume pieces, wigs/facial hair and to safeguard the integrity of the costume design throughout the run of each production. **Contract dates are May 12 - August 17, 2025.**

Responsibilities

- Read and understand scripts and costume plots
- Attend at least one run-through prior to tech
- Assist in the creation of run sheets, check-in sheets, preset lists
- Assist in the preparation of dressing rooms and quick change areas
- Assist with load-in/load-out
- Learn and execute all assigned presets and quick changes
- Update all pertinent paperwork in a timely manner, escalating updates to the Wardrobe Supervisor
- Assist with laundry and costume/wig maintenance in accordance with AEA guidelines
- Help to keep all wardrobe areas clean, neat and safe
- Other duties as assigned

Qualification & Experience

- Minimum of one year experience dressing in a performing arts setting
- Basic machine and hand sewing
- Proficiency with laundry and stain removal
- Proficiency with laundry machines, industrial irons, industrial and domestic sewing machines, garment steamers
- Basic wig maintenance
- Basic stage makeup
- Strong communication and diplomacy skills
- Experience choreographing quick changes a plus
- Valid driver license and clean driving record preferred
- Ability to lift and carry at least 30 pounds, to climb stairs (often carrying heavy costumes/pieces), to stand for long periods of time, and to function in very low lighting

Organizational Overview

Currently celebrating its 92nd year, Barter Theatre is a repertory company of resident artists dedicated to serving others by creating world-class theater in the heart of Appalachia. Barter's vision is to maintain a sustainable model of producing world-class theater that entertains, engages, and connects artists and audience, while reflecting the inherently Appalachian values of hard work, generosity, service, and story. Barter produces musicals, classic plays, and new work March-December including the nationally renowned initiatives Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights and Black Stories Black Voices.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commitment

Equal employment opportunity and an inclusive and representative staff are fundamental at Barter Theater. Our employment and promotional opportunities are based upon individual capabilities and qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, gender, pregnancy, sexual orientation/preference, political position, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, veteran status, or any other protected characteristic as established under law.

To Apply

To apply for this position, please submit a current resume, cover letter, and three references to **asullivan@bartertheatre.com**. Cover letters should include why this position and organization are attractive to you and what you feel you bring to the table that makes you a great fit for Barter Theatre.