

Position Overview

Job Title: Properties Artisan/Painter

Reports to: Prop Master

FLSA Status: Full Time Seasonal

Compensation Rate: 650.00 Weekly + OT

Benefits: Medical & Supplemental Insurance, 401k, PTO, Company Recognized Holidays, Barter Partnership Programs & Discounts, Company Housing

Position Summary

Barter Theatre seeks a Properties Artisan/Painter to be a part of a three person prop shop (Prop Master, Master Carpenter, Props Artisan/Painter) to finish out our 2025 season. This position will primarily be focused on the creation and acquisition of hand props, soft goods, and prop painting. From July - November we will prop and open 8 shows ranging from Musicals to small two person shows. We work a 40 hour work week, Monday - Friday, with some OT/Weekends occasionally required. The Artisan will work in conjunction with the Prop Master and the Master Carpenter to fulfill all design requirements and show maintenance, as well as assisting with keeping the shop and storage organized and functional.

This position would start as soon as Jul 21, 2025 and runs through Nov 21, 2025 .

Responsibilities

- Engineering, fabrication and/or acquisition of all props needed for each show,
- Painting of larger furniture pieces as well as handprops
- Working under the direction of the Props Master to realize each show's design
- Collaboration with other departments on certain projects
- Assist load-in/strike.
- Attend notes sessions as needed
- Working under the direction of the Prop Master on multiple projects
- Organization and maintenance of shop spaces and materials
- Organization and maintenance of stock, both hand props and larger props

Qualification & Experience

- Possess strong knowledge of hand prop construction techniques and high-level artisan skills
- Strong knowledge of painting techniques and finishes
- The ability to work quickly and efficiently
- Ability to work with a team
- Experience in Theatre preferred, willing to consider strong candidates with related skills/experience
- A valid driver's license is required.

- **Strong organizational skills**
- **Ability to sit/stand for long periods of time, and bend, stoop, or kneel in execution of duties as assigned**
- **Ability to lift, carry, move necessary equipment up and down stairs.**
- **Proficiency with power tools is required**
- **Upholstery skills preferred, but not required.**
- **Basic sewing skills required, familiarity with industrial machines preferred.**

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, portfolio materials, and four references to mpressley@bartertheatre.com.