



*Founded in 1977, Childsplay's mission is "To ignite imagination, wonder, and joy in young people through transformational learning and theatre making."*

## 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.

**Reports to:** Production Manager

**Hours:** Full-time non-exempt position

**Compensation:** \$1,000/week + 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 created by Childsplay and performed in venues across the Greater Phoenix area (i.e. - Herberger Theater Center) and for local and national touring productions in the season.
- Working within the established policies and procedures of the organization, with the assistance of a Master Carpenter and over-hire labor and with oversight from 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 theatre technical equipment.
- Provide general support of the overall production quality of each show.
- Provide assistance, when needed, for technical set-up on the property for special events.
- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Manage departmental budgets, expense tracking, and payroll for scenic department.

### The ideal candidate will possess:

- At least 1-2 years of experience in design/construction of theatre sets
- Experience building sets for touring shows preferred.
- Working knowledge of AutoCAD or Vectorworks.
- Must have experience in welding and rigging (rigging certification preferred).
- Ability to effectively delegate and lead a team that includes the Master Carpenter, and any over-hire labor, as well as crews for load in and strike of each production.
- Adhere and manage a per production budget.
- Ability to recruit, train, and retain over-hire labor.
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to adhere to schedules and meet all production deadlines.
- Ability to lift at least 50lbs regularly and climb ladders.
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to drive large trucks and vans.

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**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 simultaneously.
- You maintain composure under pressure.
- You are self-directed and eager to learn and grow.
- You are enthusiastic about being part of a learning organization.

This is a full-time exempt position. The salary range is \$48,000 - \$52,000 + 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 [nhutchinson@childsplayaz.org](mailto:nhutchinson@childsplayaz.org) with your resume and cover letter.**

Accepting applications through May 4<sup>th</sup>. Position will begin no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please submit applications prior to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be considered for the position.

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

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