Traveling Players

TECHNICAL THEATRE INTERVIEWS

WELCOME!

We're so excited for you to interview! We can't wait to meet you – or see you again!

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE INTERVIEW?

We know that technicians can shine in different ways, so we organize our interviews to allow different strengths to shine. You will present selections of your past work as a portfolio. During the interview, you will discuss your portfolio, any art/sewing/technical experience, and what you would like to learn over the summer. You will also hear more about the Traveling Players conservatory experience – both as a technician and a summer student.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE INTERVIEW?

You could be accepted, declined, or called back. Decisions are generally sent via email a week after your audition, and you have a week to accept the offer. We want to give everyone we welcome this summer an incredible and rewarding challenge!

While rare, technicians may be asked to do a second interview if we feel the need to discuss your skills and/or interests further.

ON INTERVIEW DAY:

VIRTUAL:

Before logging on, set up your computer in a well-lit space, and double-check that you can share your digital portfolio. Please be sure to eat beforehand - no starving artists! Have a full water bottle close by. Please turn your phone off once you're connected.

IN PERSON @ OUR TYSONS STUDIO:

Before arriving, please be sure to eat - no starving artists! Bring a laptop with your portfolio or email it to Morgan Shotwell (outreach@travelingplayers.org) ahead of your interview. Bring a water bottle. You will turn off your phone during the interview.

GOT ANY ADVICE FOR ME?

Organize your portfolio and practice presenting it at least once. You should be able to talk through the basic steps of your creative and technical process for each piece. Then relax and have fun — you're going to do great!

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO GETS IN?

We accept technicians who we believe are ready to work in a fast-paced shop, are team players, and are eager to learn. We want students who are a good fit for our shops and our community. Students who have been with Traveling Players before know the power of a strong, well-balanced team. But how do you create a cohesive and effective team? You need a mix of experiences and backgrounds – technicians with different skill sets and growth opportunities — all eager to support and challenge each other to do their best work.

You will have your best interview if you relax, have fun, and take pride in your work!

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THE DIGITAL PORTFOLIO:

Please photograph or scan your work, then upload the photos and documents into a PowerPoint that can be easily shared during your interview. Multiple photos of the same item from different angles, as well as process shots, are highly encouraged.

Technical Theatre Winter Plays:

- Please include **3 – 5 items** in your portfolio

Below are some examples of what you can include, but please do not feel limited by this list. If you have created or worked on something awesome that shows off your skills as a technician and artist, we want to see it!

- **Design Renderings of sets, costumes, puppets, or props you have created** – Sketch or digital
- **Costumes or clothing that you have created or assisted on** – Fashion, Theatrical, or Cosplay
- **Props you have created or assisted on** – Theatrical or Cosplay
- **Puppets that you have created or assisted on** – Theatrical or Cosplay
- **Models, paint elevations, or photos of sets or set pieces that you have worked on**
- **Run sheets or other theatrical paperwork you created or worked with**
- **Paintings or drawings** – any medium, non-digital preferred
- **Sewing samples** – Hand or Machine
- **Sculptures** – any medium
- **A page from your sketchbook**

Some helpful guidelines for the portfolio

- Am I proud of the pieces I have chosen?
- Are these pieces related to the skills I would like to learn this summer?
- Do I have progress photos for any of my portfolio pieces? (If so, please include them.)
- Am I prepared to talk about the process I used to create these pieces? Inspiration, materials, time, strategy, lessons learned, etc.

Questions? Just ask! Call us at 703-987-1712 or email us at outreach@travelingplayers.org.

Break a leg! We can't wait to see you!