

The Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival

John C. Slade Apprentice Company

4-6 Technical Theatre Apprentices



The Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival Apprentice Company is an excellent opportunity for young actors and technicians to train with and gain valuable experience working with an established Equity Acting Company.

The Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival was established in 1997 and has received high regional theatre acclaim from the Southern California area theatre critics. Performing on the beautiful grounds of Kingsmen Park on the campus of California Lutheran University, the Festival draws crowds from all over Southern California. In 2025 close to 5,000 people attended the Festival. This year performances feature *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Hamlet*. Audiences come not only for the exceptional theatre experience but to enjoy a picnic during a pre-show of music, dance, and improvisational comedy.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Fulfill one of the technical support roles listed below
 - Assistant Tech Director
 - Scenic Carpenter
 - Scenic Painter
 - Propmaster
 - Lighting Technician
 - Sound Technician
 - Assistant Stage Manager (working under Equity Stage Manager)
 - First Hand
 - Stitcher
 - Wardrobe/Craftsperson
- There will be one set changeover between the two shows

which will require extra hours.

- Site maintenance and cleanup
- Technical apprentices will be assigned running crew duties on performance nights
- Possession of personal or family health insurance policy

Typical Schedule, Technical Apprentices:

- The technical apprentices work five/six days a week (40-50 hours during build weeks).
- Technical work:
 - 9 a.m.—12:00 p.m. followed by 1 hour lunch
 - 1 p.m.—7 p.m.
- Crew calls may vary schedules
- ASM's work all mainstage rehearsals
- On performance nights, call is 4 p.m. for site preparation; site cleanup immediately after performance for ½ hour, meal provided.

Compensation

- Free housing (shared campus dormitory or other campus housing with other apprentices or professional staff)
- \$150 per week food reimbursement
- Various Master classes will be offered by senior company members who are working professionals in the L.A. area

Length of Employment - 10 weeks

Responsibilities for apprentices begin Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 12 noon and they will be released on Friday, July 31, 2026 at noon.

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