

THE KINGSMEN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Apprentice Company 2020

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. Last year close to 7,000 people attended the Festival. This year performances feature *Macbeth* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

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 which will may require extra hours
- Site maintenance and cleanup
- Technical apprentices will be assigned running crew duties on performance nights

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.

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 Monday, June 1, 2020 at 12 noon and they will be released on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 3 p.m.

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Organization History

In 1997, a collaboration between Santa Susana Repertory Theatre Company and the Drama Department at California Lutheran University produced the first Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival in Kingsmen Park on the campus of California Lutheran University. The first Festival featured a three-weekend run of Shakespeare's *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*. The Festival was offered "free" to the public.

Due to the success of that first Festival, the Kingsmen Shakespeare Company was formed as a not-for-profit organization. KSC holds special contracts with Actors Equity Association (AEA) and is a member of the Shakespeare Theatre Association (STA) and the Southeastern Theatre Conference. Kingsmen Shakespeare Company is the professional theatre company of California Lutheran University.

KSC PROGRAMS

The Summer Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival - 24th Season

The Kingsmen Shakespeare Company and California Lutheran University have co-produced the Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival, performed in Kingsmen Park on the campus of California Lutheran University since 1997. Two productions are offered each summer in modified repertory for a six weekend run. An estimated average audience of 7,000 attend each year's Festival.

Shakespeare Educational Tour

KSC has collaborated with the City of Thousand Oaks Arts Commission and the Conejo Valley Unified School District to deliver to elementary schools in the region a program of workshops and performances supplemented by lesson units. The SET program is presented each spring to over 30 area elementary and middle schools. Approximately 30,000 K-6 students have participated in the eighteen years of the program.

Apprentice Programs

KSC has offered opportunities for high school, college and university students through its tiered apprentice program attached to the Summer Festival. High school students can become junior apprentices and perform during pre-show activities. Interns provide the core of the production and support staff of the Festival and are primarily drawn from the CLU student body. Apprentices are recruited nationally from college and university theatre programs throughout the country through a competitive audition process.

Camp Shakespeare

KSC and California Lutheran University offer Camp Shakespeare each summer for kids ages 8-18. The camp offers acting classes and performance opportunities.