

Venue Technician (Summer 2024)

Minnesota Fringe's mission is to connect adventurous artists with adventurous audiences. Fringe is preparing for it's 31st annual Fringe Festival taking place August 1-11, 2024. As the largest performing arts festival in the Midwest, Fringe will fill 30,000+ seats with audiences viewing 100 shows and 500 performances by more than 800 artists on a variety of stages in Minneapolis.

Fringe seeks creative, talented individuals to join our team as Venue Technicians during the Festival Season, July 27-August 12, 2024. Venue technicians are responsible for managing all of the technical aspects of the festival, venue management and schedule. Technicians work in pairs and are assigned to one location for the duration of the festival. Each venue is assigned up to 11 different shows, each of which get 5 performances spaced across the 11 days of the festival. Venue Technicians report directly to the Technical Director during the 2024 season.

Responsibilities

- Designing a lighting rep plot based on the combined needs of all 11 shows in the venue
- Designing and programming light cues for each show
- Programming sound cues and levels for each show as necessary
- Some venues also require knowledge of projection and video playback systems
- Running lights and sound (and video where applicable) for all performances
- Managing festival schedule, including load-in and -out for each performance on an hourly basis and starting performances on time and ensuring they finish within the allotted time
- General venue management, including performance space(s) and all public areas, acting as key holder and working with Front of House staff during the festival
- Other duties as needed

Qualifications

We are open to the following having been acquired in different industries or in a different context other than the performing arts. We understand you may not possess every qualification listed. All techs are partnered in venues with someone who complements their skill sets.

- Working knowledge of theatrical lighting systems, consoles, and electrics
- Working knowledge of theatrical sound consoles and QLab
- Ability to manage complex schedules that change daily
- Ability to provide technical support services to artists as necessary
- Ability to work with Front of House staff to ensure a smoothly functional festival
- Small amount of customer interaction with audience
- General ability to climb ladders, troubleshoot equipment, lift and move as physically required
- Attention to detail and fast problem-solving skills
- Reliable worker able to function independently

Time Commitment

 Attend mandatory tech team meeting on July 16 6:30-8pm. Work 80-90 total hours from July 27 through August 12 encompassing venue load-in, tech rehearsals, festival days and strike. Some additional over-hire hours are possible, but not required. Flexible schedule to be determined in coordination with Venue Technician Partner and Technical Director.

Compensation

 Venue Technicians are paid in a range from \$1,600 - \$1,800, depending on qualifications / experience/ over-hire hours, and also receive a Staff Pass for the 2024 Festival to see all shows for free (\$750 value).

To Apply

To apply, please fill out the <u>online application</u>. Questions? Dawn Bentley, Executive Director at <u>dawn@fringefestival.org</u>. **Applications due by April 30, 2023**. No calls, please.