THEATRE ARTS: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TECHNICAL THEATRE

SALARY: Depending upon qualifications and experience
RANK: Assistant Professor of Technical Theatre
STARTING DATE: August 2020

DESCRIPTION:
The University of Science and Arts invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Theatre Arts. Qualified candidates will be considered for the rank of Assistant Professor.

The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) is a public liberal arts college located in Chickasha, Oklahoma, about 40 minutes from Oklahoma City, and is a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). The Theatre Arts Program at USAO introduces the literature, history, craft, and cultural significance of live theatre through a rigorous core curriculum which serves majors in the field with an upper-level interdisciplinary study of theatre arts, and serves the mission of the college by making the study and practice of live theatre accessible to all students.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The selected candidate will teach three (3) courses each Fall and Spring term. Rotation of courses will include, but is not limited to: Stagecraft, Lighting Craft, Drafting (CAD), Principles of Design, Stage Management, and Introduction to the Theatre. The candidate will be expected to develop courses that serve the diverse and evolving needs of the program. Scholarly/creative work and university service are expected.

The selected candidate will be the principal lighting and scene designer and serve as the production manager for one show per term. They will supervise and perform in areas of technical theatre including: carpentry, lighting, sound, rigging, painting and projections while advising and mentoring undergraduate student technicians and designers. They will perform routine maintenance of theatre spaces and technical equipment, create and maintain a production calendar, and work collaboratively within the department budget. They will collaborate with the Director and Technical Director and supervise students in lab, student employees, and over-hires. Production schedule includes nights and weekends.

The selected candidate will also support presentations by visiting artists, collaborate on university events, and may be asked to teach one or more courses offered in the interdisciplinary core curriculum of the university. They will support recruiting activities for the program and the university.

QUALIFICATIONS:
MFA in Theatre with emphasis in Scenography or Design is required. The ideal candidate must demonstrate relevant experience as production designer in professional, community, and academic theatre. The candidate must demonstrate their proficiency as a teaching artist with interdisciplinary interests and the desire to promote education in the liberal arts. Competence in computer-aided drafting and the ability to produce construction drawings is expected.

TO APPLY
Required are a completed USAO application (available on-line at www.usao.edu/employment), letter of application, resume/CV, statement of teaching philosophy, copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Please also submit a digital portfolio or link to examples of professional work if available. Send to: Personnel Office/Attn: Theatre Search, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, 1727 W. Alabama, Chickasha, OK 73018-5322. Application review begins immediately and will continue until position is filled.

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, a member of COPLAC, is Oklahoma's only publicly supported four-year liberal arts college.

USAO believes the best path to a meaningful and purposeful life is an education that integrates knowledge from many disciplines to equip individuals for the 21st century. A function of the institution is to provide an outstanding general education program with strong offerings in the liberal arts and sciences. The program features interdisciplinary team teaching and extends throughout the student's entire undergraduate experience. Operating on a flexible trimester system which permits the opportunity for accelerated studies, USAO offers a limited number of career, professional and specialized degree programs which are especially strengthened when combined with an interdisciplinary, liberal arts foundation. The University is located in central Oklahoma, 35 miles southwest of Oklahoma City, in a community of 16,000.

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