

Stage Manager Description



SSU, Theatre and Dance Department • 1801 East Cotati Ave. • Rohnert Park, CA 94928

RES	ΡO	Ν	S I	В	Ι	L	Ι	Т	Ι	Е	S	O F	Т	н	Ε
		S т	Α	G	Е	N	1	Α	\mathbf{N}	А	G	ER			

The following time line is an abbreviated start to finish look of the characteristic duties of the stage manager. It is not an all-inclusive list; but, rather, a suggestion of what might be encountered during the stage managing process.

- 1. Read the play
- 2. Prepare rehearsal scripts
- 3. Check in and out the SM kit
- 4. Help supervise script loans
- 5. Assemble and maintain production book (prompt book)
- 6. Attend and help run auditions (maintain audition forms)
- 7. Post callbacks and final cast list
- 8. Create/distribute cast and crew contact sheet
- 9. Assist the director with preliminary props list
- 10. Take minutes for production meetings
- 11. Type and distribute minutes (via Production/Rehearsal Reports online)
- 12. Work with director to help in creating rehearsal schedules
- 13. Obtain keys to rehearsal areas and return 1 week close of show.
- 14. Set up rehearsal space (includes tape out of scenery areas according to ground-plan)
- 15. Arrive 15 minutes early to set up furniture (if any) and props for each rehearsal
- 16. While in rehearsal, be aware of the scene to scene rehearsal calls and keep everyone on task
- 17. Restore theatre for classes after rehearsal
- 18. Secure space after each rehearsal
- 19. Train/mentor ASM
- 20. Take attendance at each rehearsal and provide to course Instructor regularly.
- 21. Record blocking in promptbook
- 22. Help schedule costume fittings
- 23. Check in with each shop daily
- 24. Note all cues (set, light, sound, props) in production book
- 25. Note all costume changes and review with costume designer consulting with Director
- 26. Take rehearsal notes daily and submit them to the online Production/Rehearsal Reports
- 27. Distribute rehearsal notes daily by end of day
- 28. Help coordinate publicity photos with director and publicity director and production manager
- 29. Meet with the production manager regarding crew assignments
- 30. Assist with coordination of scene shifts at technical rehearsal
- 31. Post sign in sheets on call board for tech rehearsals and performances
- 32. See that the stage is swept and/or mopped before each production rehearsal and performance
- 33. Check production call sheet before each production rehearsal and performance
- 34. Notify warnings to actors beginning with the 1-hour call
- 35. Call props check 20 minutes before house opens
- 36. Coordinate comp tickets for Cast and crew, deliver comp list to Box Office nightly
- 37. Coordinate opening of house with house manager
- 38. Coordinate late seating; special seating requests (i.e. seat reserved for cast members) w/Box Office Mgr.
- 39. Call appropriate cues
- 40. Assist director with production notes
- 41. Spot-check all scenery and report damage
- 42. Secure theatre facility after performance



Stage Manager Description

SSU, Theatre and Dance Department • 1801 East Cotati Ave. • Rohnert Park, CA 94928

- 43. Pick up Audience report from Box Office Management
- 44. Attend and assist with strike
- 45. Complete production book and turn in to SM Instructor for a grade.
- 46. See that all borrowed items are returned