

Stage Director (Contract Position)

Night Court: Lawyers Entertaining for Charity

Houston, TX



Night Court: Lawyers Entertaining for Charity is seeking a new Stage Director for its annual Broadway-style, law-themed musical comedy. The troupe is looking for a new leader to wrangle its motley crew of singers, dancers, jokesters, actors, and dedicated fundraisers.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Experience directing community and professional musical theater with a large and uniquely talented cast with varying degrees of theatrical/musical experience.
- A background in herding cats is a plus, along with flexibility in planning for, managing, and accommodating the time-constrained schedules of a volunteer cast with demanding professional obligations.
- The ability to work collaboratively with the musical director and volunteer technical director throughout the entire production process while meeting fundraising goals.
- The ability to incorporate new material after rehearsals have started, as the script changes almost up to show time with sponsor ads and topical social and political humor.
- The ability to balance personalities, budgets, and the needs of the show while keeping alive a spirit of fun, cultivating current traditions and promoting helpful new ones, and continuing to build a healthy company by fostering an atmosphere of kindness, dignity, and a nurturing spirit.
- The ability to carefully and professionally handle sensitive and confidential information.

The selected candidate will be asked to observe the production process for the summer 2022 show, and assume the Stage Director's position in the fall of 2022 and beyond. Pre-Production for this year's show is already underway, with rehearsals starting on July 5. Tech week and performances are from August 13-20, 2022 at Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center.

Compensation is based upon experience.

About Night Court: www.nightcourt.org

Night Court has raised well over \$1,000,000 for charities in its more than 25 years of performing. Proceeds have benefited a wide range of charitable organizations that provide free legal services to those in need in our community.

The show is written by a team of volunteers and paid staff, and the current Stage Director will be staying on as a writer. Writing and concept work on the show begins early in the new year. The workload increases in May when the script is finalized and pre-production work begins. Rehearsals generally begin right after the July 4 weekend and run Monday through Thursday nights, all day Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons.

Other useful skills:

- Strong leadership abilities
- Tact, patience, and a sense of humor
- Solid project and time management skills
- The ability to read music and scores
- Flexibility and adaptability in the face of changing demands
- Intermediate word-processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software skills

To submit your resume/CV, or to learn more, email nightcourtinformation@gmail.com. Submission deadline is June 3, 2022.