

OVERVIEW

Over eight weeks this summer (June–August), Bard SummerScape, a multi-arts festival presented by the Fisher Center at Bard, returns with a full season of dance, theater, opera, music, and the beloved Spiegeltent, staged for in-person audiences from Bard’s idyllic 1,000-acre campus and its Frank Gehry-designed performing arts center, while adhering to rigorous health and safety protocols.

Stitchers are part of the Wardrobe team in the Production Department and support the execution of costuming elements and needs for the SummerScape opera. Stitchers sew and finish all assigned costumes. They report to the Wardrobe Supervisor and work closely with other production team members and costume designers.

We are accepting applications from entry-level candidates including current and/or recently-graduated students who possess sewing skills and are willing to receive training on specific tasks related to being a Stitcher.

This is a seasonal position from Tuesday, June 6 – Friday, August 11, non-exempt (overtime eligible), paid **hourly at a rate range of \$16 - 19/hr** depending on experience. Hours will average 35–40 hours/week, with potential for overtime. In addition, all employees are able to receive three meals a day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Monday through Friday for free via Bard Dining, and twice a day, brunch and dinner, Saturdays and Sundays.

This position requires local residence during the dates listed above. Housing is provided as needed and includes a single bedroom and shared amenities based on availability.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain a safe, healthy, and inclusive workplace at all times.
- Assist in fitting, stitching, or other assigned costume duties.
- Assist the Wardrobe Supervisor in the preparation and maintenance of all wardrobe facilities, including the chorus’ and principles’ dressing rooms.
- Assist performers in the maintenance and use of their costumes, and making repairs as needed.
- Participate in pre-show and post-show checks and duties as assigned by the Wardrobe Supervisor.
- With the assistance of the Wardrobe Supervisor, maintain up-to-date paperwork.
- Assist the Wardrobe Supervisor on matters of specific rigging or actor comfort.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Wardrobe Supervisor.
- Sews, either by machine or hand, the costumes assigned by your team leader

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- Manages time efficiently on each sewing project.
- Maintains personal work area, including sewing machinery as necessary to keep work moving effectively.
- Communicates with other team members concerning problems and their possible solutions.
- Performs other duties as assigned by your team leader or the Wardrobe Supervisor.

Company-Wide Responsibilities:

- The Fisher Center is currently undergoing an organization-wide process of change toward becoming an anti-racist, multicultural institution. All on staff are expected to:
 - Commit to anti-racism and inclusivity at the Fisher Center. This includes participating in any trainings when scheduled, supporting departmental, company-wide, and cross-departmental collaboration in issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and furthering your own independent journey with anti-racism
 - Contribute in meaningful ways to the organizational culture

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

EXPERIENCE

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Demonstrated experience in machine and hand-sewing techniques.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to sit and stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to move and lift objects up to 50lbs.
- Ability to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as set by production schedule.
- Successful candidates possess strong communication skills and a keen attention to detail. They are collaborative, self-motivated, and bring a positive, can-do attitude!

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Prior backstage costume-related experience.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Extended periods of standing and sitting.
- May handle dyes, natural and synthetic fibers and materials including but not limited to feathers, furs, leather and more.

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LOCATION

Bard's beautiful 1,000-acre campus is situated on the east bank of the Hudson River, in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. Community life is defined by numerous cultural and recreational opportunities in the surrounding historic Hudson River Valley and by proximity to New York City. Nearby towns and villages include Rhinebeck, Tivoli, and Red Hook, New York.

TO APPLY

Complete the application form here: <https://formfaca.de/sm/EVAicqsDX>.

Applications for this position will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

For any questions or issues with the application form, please contact fcjobs@bard.edu.

Bard College is an equal opportunity employer and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, mental, or physical disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, familial status, veteran status, or genetic information. Bard is committed to providing access, equal opportunity, and reasonable accommodation for all individuals in employment practices, services, programs, and activities.

ABOUT THE FISHER CENTER

The Fisher Center develops, produces, and presents performing arts across disciplines through new productions and context-rich programs that challenge and inspire. As a premier professional performing arts center and a hub for research and education, the Fisher Center supports artists, students, and audiences in the development and examination of artistic ideas, offering perspectives from the past and present, as well as visions of the future. The Fisher Center demonstrates Bard's commitment to the performing arts as a cultural and educational necessity. Home is the Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, designed by Frank Gehry and located on the campus of Bard College in New York's Hudson Valley. The Fisher Center offers outstanding programs to many communities, including the students and faculty of Bard College, and audiences in the Hudson Valley, New York City, across the country, and around the world. Building on a 163-year history as a competitive and innovative undergraduate institution, Bard is committed to enriching culture, public life, and democratic discourse by training tomorrow's thought leaders.

Learn more about the Fisher Center, its programs, and its values at fishercenter.bard.edu/about.

ABOUT BARD COLLEGE

Founded in 1860, Bard College is a four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences located 90 miles north of New York City. With the addition of the Montgomery Place estate, Bard's campus consists of nearly 1000 park-like acres in the Hudson River Valley. It offers bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, and bachelor of music degrees, with majors in nearly 40 academic programs; graduate degrees

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in 11 programs; nine early colleges; and numerous dual-degree programs nationally and internationally. Building on its 163-year history as a competitive and innovative undergraduate institution, Bard College has expanded its mission as a private institution acting in the public interest across the country and around the world to meet broader student needs and increase access to liberal education. The undergraduate program at our main campus in upstate New York has a reputation for scholarly excellence, a focus on the arts, and civic engagement. Bard is committed to enriching culture, public life, and democratic discourse by training tomorrow's thought leaders. For more information about Bard College, visit bard.edu.