Cutter/Draper – Job Description

JOB TITLE: Cutter/Draper

ALTERNATE TITLES:

REPORTS TO: Costume Shop Manager, Production Manager

JOB TYPE: Seasonal, Salaried

SUPERVISES: First Hands, Stitchers

GENERAL JOB STATEMENT: The Cutter/Draper is responsible for working with the Costume Designer and Costume Shop Manager in the construction and preparation of all assigned production costumes.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Interpret sketches and drawings created by the Costume Designer to create the costume.
- Determine yardage for fabric and trims for the costume.
- Fabricate patterns, either by draping or flat patternmaking.
- Fit costumes to actors.
- Cut all fabric based on pattern.
- Alter costumes as needed.
- Supervise work of First Hands and Stitchers.
- Research period, styles, and techniques necessary to complete costume to Designer specifications.
- Maintain integrity of Designer’s vision.
- Maintain clean and safe workspace.
- Complete assigned costumes with high quality within tight timeline and budget.
- Any additional tasks as requested by the Costume Shop Manager or the PM.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Minimum Bachelor’s degree in theatrical costume construction or equivalent experience.
- Demonstrated proficiency in flat patternmaking and draping.
- Knowledge and experience in a variety of costume time periods and construction techniques.
- Tailoring and alterations experience.