

Wardrobe Crew or Dresser

The Wardrobe Crew Members or Dressers oversee all costume needs during performances. This is the off-stage support crew for costume maintenance, assisting actors dress, facilitating quick changes, and costume organization backstage and in the dressing rooms.

Responsibilities

- Familiarize yourself with the script, the Director's concept, and the Costume Designer's design
- Daily check-in of all costume and accessory pieces using provided Costume Piece List, ensuring all items are accounted for
- Steaming of all required garments to remove wrinkles
- Pre-set all costume pieces as instructed in preparation for quick changes during the show
- Prepare wigs as necessary for use, and replenish supplies of hair pins, hairspray, and other tools
- Assist actors getting dressed, providing help with corsets, buttons, and other pieces needing assistance
- Assist actors into and out of wigs
- Visually check all actors to ensure their costume is worn correctly and they look their best before curtain, and continue to do so at every opportunity during the show
- Assist in all quick changes, as required
- Track costumes to various locations during the show, as instructed by Costume Designer or Stage Management Team
- Assist actors with removal of costumes after the show
- Ensure all costume pieces are hung up properly after each performance
- Launder appropriate garments after each performance
- Second daily check-in of all costume pieces to ensure all pieces have returned to the dressing rooms or costume cabinets for safekeeping between performances
- Return clean laundry to appropriate racks in preparation for next performance
- Complete any quick repair as abilities allow, and take notes on larger repairs to be completed by the costume shop the next day. Needed repairs must be communicated to the Stage Management team for communication to the Costume Director
- If instructed by the Wig and Makeup Designer (or Costume Designer), freshen up wigs in preparation for next performance
- Assist with Strike – final laundry and collection of dry clean only items

Participation

- All dress rehearsals (absolutely no exceptions)
- All performances (absolutely no exceptions)
- Strike

Any release from these assigned tasks must be approved by the faculty advisor in advance