



Fort Wayne Youth Theatre is seeking a Scenic Construction Lead(s) to work on and oversee the completion of the sets for our 2026-27 mainstage and studio productions. Set Leads are hired as independent contractors and may be contracted for one or multiple (up to 6) productions for the season. We welcome applicants with experience in technical theatre or other construction-related areas.

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Construct, paint, and install stage sets based on basic designs provided by Youth Theatre.
- Collaborate with the artistic director and show director to realize the artistic vision.
- Organize and oversee set workdays with parent and youth volunteers.
- Assist in retrieving set pieces from storage, other theatres, etc.
- Work within a defined budget and timeline.
- Oversee set strike and the returning of items after the production.

Requirements:

- Proven experience in scenic construction or custom carpentry.
- Strong organization and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work independently AND collaboratively.
- Patience and willingness to help teach interested youth and adults set-related skills.
- Must be available to complete sets by load-in/tech dates.
- Ability to travel independently to Youth Theatre's various spaces and venues.
- Owning your own basic tools, personal protective equipment, and vehicle capable of transporting set pieces is not required, but a plus.

Other Requirements:

- Commitment to Youth Theatre's Youth Protection Policy.
- Commitment to safety for themselves and volunteers.
- Commitment to creating an equitable and inclusive environment.
- Commitment to protecting confidential information.

To Apply: Send resume and statement of interest via email to murphy@fwyt.org. No phone calls please.



Interested parties can apply to be contracted for one any or all of the following productions:

SHOW 1: RIDE THE CYCLONE

Venue: Arena Dinner Theatre

CONSTRUCTION DATES: July 6- Aug. 7, 2026

TECH REHEARSALS: Aug. 8-12, 2026

PERFORMANCES: Aug. 13-16, 2026

STRIKE: ASAP after Closing

NOTES: Medium-Large Set. To be constructed ON-STAGE at Arena Dinner Theatre.

PAY: \$300

SHOW 2: GRIMM IN 60

Venue: Downtown ACPL Theatre

CONSTRUCTION DATES: Aug. 24-Sept. 20, 2026

VENUE LOAD-IN: Sept. 21, 2026

TECH REHEARSALS: Sept. 21-24, 2026

PERFORMANCES: Sept. 26-28, 2026

STRIKE: Sept. 28, 2026

NOTES: Small, simple, transportable set. Very little construction. Mostly pulling pieces and painting.

PAY: \$250

SHOW 3: THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AGAIN.

Venue: RKF Studios

CONSTRUCTION DATES:

LOAD-IN: Nov. 7, 2026

TECH REHEARSALS: Nov. 8-12, 2026

PERFORMANCES: Nov. 13-15, 2026

STRIKE: Nov. 15, 2026

NOTE: Small, simple set. Little construction. Mostly pulling pieces, painting, etc.

PAY: \$100



SHOW 4: UNFOLLOWED

Venue: RKF Studios

CONSTRUCTION DATES: Jan. 19-Feb. 12, 2027

LOAD-IN: Feb. 13, 2027

TECH REHEARSALS: Feb. 14-18, 2027

PERFORMANCES: Feb. 19-21, 2027

STRIKE: Feb. 21, 2027

NOTE: Small, simple set. Little construction. Mostly pulling pieces, painting, etc.

PAY: \$100

SHOW 5: SHE PERSISTED THE MUSICAL JR.

Venue: Parkview Physician's Group ArtsLab / Embassy Theatre

CONSTRUCTION DATES: July 6- Aug. 7, 2026

LOAD-IN: Feb. 26-27, 2027

TECH REHEARSALS: Feb. 28- March 4, 2027

PERFORMANCES: March 4-14, 2027

STRIKE: March 14, 2027

MOVE SET TO EMBASSY THEATRE: March 15, 2027

LEARN-IT-LIVE PERFORMANCE: March 16, 2027

STRIKE: March 16, 2027

NOTE: Large Set. Constructed at Youtheatre facility or Arts United community shop. Could be constructed earlier than the stated timeframe and stored. Some, but not all scenic elements need moved to the Embassy Theatre after strike for a student performance, then struck again.

PAY: \$500

SHOW 6: PUFFS

Venue: Parkview Physician's ArtsLab

CONSTRUCTION DATES: March 8, 2027-April 25, 2027

LOAD-IN: April 26, 2027

TECH REHEARSALS: April 26-29, 2027

PERFORMANCES: April 30-May 2, 2027

STRIKE: May 2, 2027

NOTE: Medium-sized set. In-the-Round. Mostly reconfiguring existing platforms & painting existing pieces, theatre floor, etc. Constructed at Youtheatre facility or Arts United community shop. Could be constructed earlier than the stated timeframe and stored.

PAY: \$500