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## JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:

**Dimmer Board Operator** 

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The Dimmer Board Operator is in charge of operating the lighting console/switch board and creating lighting plots and equipment schedules for various sets, stages, or locations. He or She must also document the lighting set-ups for archival purposes.

## **Duties & Responsibilities:**

The Dimmer Board Operator is responsible for setting up the lighting console, which controls the lighting on set. Then, he or she must trigger every lighting cue for a performance or scene. In case any final adjustments need to be made to the lighting effects, the Dimmer Board Operator should know how to program them.

The Dimmer Board Operator is in complete control of the dimmer board. This means that he or she must constantly inspect, repair, and maintain the console and each piece of equipment associated with (fixtures, power and data cables, etc) it to lessen the chances of a malfunction.

## Skills & Education

The Dimmer Board Operator must be able to follow directions closely and work under extreme pressure and stressful situations. Strong interpersonal skills are needed and he or she must be highly organized and efficient. He or She must be able to communicate well. Of course, the Dimmer Board operator must have an in-depth understanding of, and ability to, operate a lighting console/switch board, which includes understanding the technical and operational functions of the console. Must

also have a full understanding of electricity, color, electrical engineering (to troubleshoot and repair lighting fixtures), and mechanics.