



## LIGHTEN UP: Theatre Lighting Workshop

Date: Monday July 21<sup>th</sup>. This is a one-day workshop

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Location: Merely Underground

Instructor: Charles Ford

Ages: 16 and above

Tuition: \$25

Registration Deadline: July 20, 2025

Are you curious about how the complex web of lighting works in the theatre? Would you like to learn the lighting process start to finish? This class will give you the knowledge to come into the Underground and work on a lighting crew.

What we'll cover:

- Understand how a lighting designer works with the director to realize the director's vision.
- Learn the core components of lighting, including the light board, dimmer packs and circuits and how they work together.
- Unravel the mysteries of the light plot. See how different instruments are used for different purposes and how they integrate into the light plot.
- Get some experience of light board basic programming. Discover how a "look" is created and how mixing submasters creates cues in the cue stack.
- Experiment with lighting color gels.
- Go hands-on and design lighting which would enhance a provided acting scene.

The class will start with the basics, assuming participants have little or no knowledge of theatrical lighting. After you've taken this class you'll have the opportunity to help Merely Players with lighting throughout our season.

### MERELY INSTRUCTOR



**Charles Ford** is a master backstage technician and the Technical Director of Merely Players. An avid puppeteer, mask-maker, make-up artist, robotics engineer, and special effects designer, he has designed dozens of sets for a variety of theatrical genres. In addition, he typically designs the lighting, sound, props and the special effects. Charles is the recipient of several awards, including the Durango Foundation of Educational Excellence's Outstanding Teacher Award, the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association Technical Theatre Award, and numerous Broadway World Denver awards for scenic and lighting designs.