

Performing Arts Technician - Learning and Information Services - Grade E

Job Description

Purpose

To provide technical and operational support to the teaching of performance related activities and events requiring technical theatre services across all areas of University business activity.

Duties

1. To undertake care and development of equipment and resources in studios, workshops and performance spaces.
2. To undertake and demonstrate the safe use of tools, machinery, equipment and software.
3. To provide practical assistance to academic staff and students.
4. To ensure that all spaces, resources and equipment are suitable for public performance and teaching/assessment and rehearsal processes.
5. To undertake maintenance and cleaning of all equipment, working spaces and storerooms.
6. To assist in maintaining an inventory of resources.
7. To prepare studios, workshops and performance spaces for teaching, projects and performances and to remove scrap materials to the refuse point.
8. To assist students in the creation of resources, materials and props for their projects and assignments.
9. To receive, check, store and issue materials, equipment and consumables.
10. To assist university staff in research, promotional events and income generating activities.
11. To work at weekends and in the evening when required.
12. To undertake other duties as determined by the Technical Resources Manager.

Person Specification

Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviours (Essential)

- Recent experience in technical theatre, especially theatre lighting design, rigging, focusing, and plotting (Application/Interview).
- Experience in live technical operation of theatre/event performances, focusing on lighting operation (Application/Interview).
- Educated to HND level in a relevant subject or equivalent practical experience (Application).
- Knowledge of lighting design concepts and techniques including rigging and focusing theatre lights (Application/Interview).
- Familiarity with automated lighting fixtures (Application/Interview).

- Practical problem-solving skills for sourcing, building, installing, or repairing theatre equipment (Application/Interview).
- Ability to apply health and safety standards at all times (Application/Interview).
- Ability to work well in a team and independently when needed (Application/Interview).
- Ability to liaise confidently with academic staff to prepare teaching spaces (Application/Interview).
- Ability to liaise with students to ensure safe use of equipment and resources (Application/Interview).
- Ability to work with technical and administrative staff to support teaching (Application/Interview).
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends, and take on other duties as required (Application/Interview).
- An understanding of and demonstrable commitment to the University's Values of Being Proud, Achieving Together, Supporting All and Creating Opportunity as a framework for decisions, actions and behaviours (Application/Interview).

Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviours (Desirable)

- Knowledge of health and safety laws in the technical theatre environment (Application/Interview).
- Experience working in higher education (Application/Interview).
- First Aid certification (Application)
- Educated to honours degree level in a relevant field (Application).
- Set design, construction skills together with sound design and operating skills to enable the ability to design and improve studio, workshop, and performance spaces (Application/Interview).
- Familiarity with LED lighting fixtures (Application/Interview).
- Experience with GrandMA lighting desks (Application/Interview).