



NEW VIC

Assistant Stage Manager
Information Pack
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Welcome

We are looking for an experienced Assistant Stage Manager to support the creation and delivery of great theatre.

The successful candidate will have demonstrable backstage experience in a professional or educational environment. A 'can-do' attitude and a positive, flexible approach to the job role, work colleagues and peers is essential.

The New Vic works within the guidelines laid down by the Equity/UK Theatre Agreement for Actors and Stage Management.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 4 October at 10am**

Interviews will be held w/c 11 October 2021

We hope that this pack will answer all your questions, but if there is anything else you would like to know about the role or working at the New Vic, please do get in touch on 01782 381371 or by email at recruitment@newvictheatre.org.uk



Department Information

The New Vic makes around eight in-house and co-produced shows each year (pre and post COVID), with three or four being delivered by in house creatives and others working with freelance creatives. We also collaborate with partners to make shows jointly across venues. We usually have one show on stage, one in rehearsal, and two or three in pre-production and another two or three in planning. So this is a busy, highly-productive theatre.

The New Vic has a Stage Management department which consists of a Company Stage Manager, two Deputy Stage Managers, two Assistant Stage Managers and one Assistant Stage Technician/Operator. All members of the Stage Management department help to deliver New Vic Productions, assist with incoming/visiting companies and one night events, and support the exciting work which our outreach and community development departments deliver.

Alongside the usual Stage Management duties, the team support the day to day running of the theatre buildings and operations supporting other departments as required to help manage over all workflow and productivity.



Assistant Stage Manager

Responsible to: Head of Production, Company Stage Manager and Deputy Stage Managers

Reports to: Company Stage Manager

Purpose of role

The Assistant Stage Manager is a key role in the success of every New Vic Production, delivering a positive and committed approach to work, supporting Creatives, Acting Companies, staff members and visitors to achieve the highest standard of work possible.

Responsibilities and duties

- To liaise with the Head of Production, the Company Stage Manager, Deputy Stage Managers, Director, Designer and other Creatives to obtain a thorough understanding of the relevant requirements of New Vic productions
- Liaise with Acting company and other Production departments as required
- Producing and maintaining the props list, providing/ producing and sourcing rehearsal props and furniture as required
- To assist with mark outs of the rehearsal room and performance spaces and maintain the cleanliness of both spaces
- Provide rehearsal support to the DSM, which may involve attendance at rehearsals as required
- Running rehearsals and providing occasional “Book cover” during rehearsals as required
- To attend production meetings and other meetings as required by the CSM and Head of Production
- To research, source, borrow/hire, make or buy props and furniture as required. All within the budget parameters, design specification and timeframe
- Daily reading of and responding to rehearsal notes, in liaison with the Company Stage Manager
- Assemble both props, running and setting lists prior to the first performance and maintain these lists for length of the production
- Carry out scene changes, occasional operation of flown scenic elements, follow spots, traps, winches, assist with Acting company costume changes and any other show related duties as required. Scene changes may include onstage scene changes visible to the audience and due to the nature of the space may also require you to be in costume
- Set up / re-set for performance, carry out pre-show checks and assist with running maintenance of props and settings for shows in performance
- To be present at get-ins and fit-ups for New Vic and Visiting productions as required by the Head of Production or Company Stage Manager
- To occasionally carry out relevant duties as outlined above at other venues to which New Vic productions / co-productions may transfer or tour
- To assist with get-ins, fit-ups, get-outs and set strikes / restores to facilitate concerts and events as required

- To be the duty stage manager and provide the relevant welcome and briefing for visiting companies advising on House Rules and safety policies as necessary
- Assist with the maintenance, storage and hiring of the theatres' stock furniture and properties as required.
- To assist with general maintenance and cleanliness of working areas and storage spaces
- Assist in the rigging of drapes, floor cloths and other scenic elements and the operation of shows for rehearsals and performances in the Stephen Joseph Studio Theatre
- To assist where necessary with other New Vic Productions i.e. Education and Borderlines as requested by the Company Stage Manager and Head of Production
- To assist with the general maintenance of working areas and storage spaces
- To uphold the New Vic's production values and work for the interest of the New Vic
- Assist with fulfilling all relevant Health and Safety requirements, including COSHH documentation relevant to the materials used under the supervision of the Head of Production and Company Stage Manager
- There may be occasional opportunities for providing "Book cover" for an entire production (including the preparation and maintenance of the prompt copy, scheduling and calling of acting company, preparation and distribution of rehearsal notes, cueing of performance, completion and distribution of show reports, etc;)
- Attend training when required
- Attend and participate in Theatre open days and props sales as required
- Other related duties as may be required by the Head of Production or Company Stage Manager



Person specification

These are the qualities we are looking for in our Assistant Stage Manager

Essential Criteria

- Professional experience in Stage Management
- Current Full Driving License
- Experience of sourcing props
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Ability to work well in a team
- To have an organised and flexible approach to work
- Ability to work and remain calm under pressure
- Have experience of working on a variety of productions with a diverse range of groups and individuals of varying abilities and ages
- Have the ability to work unsupervised and use initiative.
- Have excellent time keeping and problem solving skills.
- Remain calm and collected in high pressure and stressful situations
- IT Skills including a working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications
- Ability and willingness to work unsocial hours including evenings, weekends and public holidays
- A demonstrable interest in theatre

Desirable criteria

- Relevant Stage Management qualification
- First Aid qualification
- Knowledge of health and safety requirements
- A working knowledge of Equity/TMA sub rep agreement
- Good prop making skills
- Experience of driving vans
- Experience of using Photoshop or equivalent software

Assistant Stage Manager

Contract

The post of Assistant Stage Manager is offered on a full time, permanent basis.

Salary

The salary for the post is £23,634 per annum.
The salary is paid weekly.

Hours of Work

The normal hours are 43 per week to be worked flexibly across Monday to Saturday. The working day runs from 8.30am to 11.30pm with an overnight gap of at least 11 hours. This role does involve working evenings and weekends as production schedules dictate. Sundays and public holidays calls are rare but may happen on occasion.

Your hours will be scheduled by the Company Stage Manager and in accordance with the UK Theatre/Equity Agreement for Performers and Stage Management contracted by Subsidised Managers.

Overtime shall be paid in accordance with the UK Theatre/Equity Agreement for Performers and Stage Management contracted by Subsidised Managers.

Holiday Entitlement

The holiday entitlement for this post is 24 days per annum plus bank holidays. The holiday year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Probationary & Notice Period

The probationary period for this post is 6 months. The notice period during the probationary period is 2 weeks. Following successful completion of the probationary period the notice period is 4 weeks.

General

All eligible staff are automatically opted in for the New Vic's basic pension scheme under auto enrolment legislation.

All offers of employment are subject to the candidate being able to provide suitable proof of their eligibility to work in the UK, references and medical declaration.

“A superbly staged production, alive with music, wit and spectacle”



The Guardian 2019 The Prince and The Pauper

The New Vic is unique. The first purpose-built theatre-in-the-round in Europe and a ground-breaker in the integration of professional theatre-work with an extensive community and education programme, we make theatre that is valued by local audiences and recognised nationally. In the last few years we have toured shows ‘made at the New Vic’ nationally and transferred our first show to Broadway in New York with *Around the World in 80 Days* achieving the accolade of being the New York Times Critic’s Pick of the Week.

We believe in the power of theatre to change lives. We also believe that everyone should have access to great theatre and on average 180,000 people visit the New Vic each year.

The New Vic has forged a national reputation for producing first class theatre – usually 8 or 9 in-house productions annually. We have a full in-house creative team, including costume, scenic workshops, lighting, sound and design. Our theatre-making is nationally recognised, particularly our work for young people and their families.

Our extensive community and education programmes reach over 25,000 annually, with award-winning New Vic Borderlines, and New Vic Education departments ensuring we are key to the cultural life of the region. Alongside this the theatre leads Appetite, an Arts Council England Creative People & Places programme, to engage more people in North Staffordshire in the arts.

The New Vic is a registered charity with a turnover of £3.5 million and operates thanks to a unique partnership between Arts Council England, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council.



“Standing ovation for this beautifully-executed magnificently preposterous romp”



The Independent for *Around the World in 80 Days*

***“A joyous family show...
Stupidly ambitious and gorgeously inventive ...”***



The Guardian for *Astley’s Astounding Adventures*

***“One of the most impressive hours
I’ve spent in the theatre”***



The Observer for *Dracula*

Applying

The New Vic aims to attract, develop and retain the best talent for all roles and will always appoint based on merit. We consider that diversity is good for the art we make, good for artists, good for audiences, and good for the cultural sector.

The New Vic is an equal opportunities employer. We value diversity in our workforce and positively encourage applicants from all sections of the community, particularly applicants under-represented across the arts workforce, especially applicants with a disability, applicants who are LGBTQIA+ or applicants of African or Caribbean heritage, South, East and South-East Asian heritage or anyone who experiences racism.

How to apply:

Complete our application form and equal opportunities form (this is one document). You must fill in this form as CVs and covering letters are not accepted. The deadline for applications is **Monday 4 October 2021 at 10am**. Interviews will be held week commencing 11 October 2021.

We want to make sure that our application process is accessible to everyone, so please do tell us if you need any of this information in another format (e.g. large print, audio).

Email your application form to recruitment@newvictheatre.org.uk using the subject line Assistant Stage Manager or post the form to Administration, New Vic Theatre, Etruria Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 0JG.

In your application, please tell us about your relevant skills and experience and how you meet the person specification.

So you are aware, we separate Section 1 of the application form and the equal opportunities monitoring form before shortlisting. The shortlisting panel will make their decisions based solely on Section 2, without access to any of your personal information. Further information on how we use and store the data provided in your application form is available on our website.





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