



Sessional Technical Staff

Position Summary

The Playhouse is seeking to recruit motivated and reliable Sessional Theatre Technicians to join our technical team. This role involves providing professional technical support for a range of live performances and events, including theatre productions, concerts, conferences, and community events. The successful candidate will work as part of a flexible technical crew to ensure the safe, efficient, and high-quality delivery of technical services across lighting, sound, staging, and AV.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with the setup, operation, and pack-down of technical equipment including lighting, sound, rigging, and staging.
- Operate lighting and/or sound consoles during performances and events as required.
- Support incoming productions with venue inductions, technical support, and equipment allocation.
- Ensure compliance with all relevant health and safety policies, including manual handling and working at heights procedures.
- Maintain cleanliness and order in technical workspaces and storage areas.
- Report faults, damages, or missing equipment to the Technical Manager promptly.
- Follow production documentation (e.g., lighting plots, cue sheets, stage plans) as required by the production team.
- Collaborate effectively with visiting artists, hirers, and internal staff to ensure successful event delivery.
- Attend technical rehearsals and production meetings as required.
- Perform tasks normally associated with the position of technician in a working theatre.

Essential Criteria

- Demonstrated experience in technical theatre, live events, or related fields.
- Working knowledge of at least one technical area: lighting, audio, AV.
- Ability to follow direction and work effectively both independently and as part of a team.

- Flexibility to work irregular hours, including evenings, weekends, and public holidays.
- Understanding of safe work practices in a theatre or live performance environment.

Desirable Criteria

- Experience with industry-standard lighting and/or audio consoles (e.g., ETC, QLab, Allen&Heath, etc.).
- Familiarity with projection, rigging, and stage machinery.
- First Aid Certificate. Training will be provided.
- Qualifications in Technical Theatre or a related discipline.

Additional Information

- Technicians will be engaged on a sessional basis, with individual sessions offered and agreed in advance according to production schedules and event bookings. Each engagement will be confirmed in writing prior to the session, with no obligation on either party to offer or accept future sessions. This arrangement does not constitute ongoing employment.
- Successful applicants may be subject to reference checks and may be required to obtain an AccessNI clearance or equivalent, depending on the nature of the work.
- Fees will be dependent on experience and will be in line with Equity/BECTU rates.

How to Apply

Please submit a current CV and a brief cover letter outlining your relevant experience and availability to:

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For enquiries, contact:

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