



## Freelance Technician / Technical SM

### JOB DESCRIPTION

#### BACKGROUND:

Springs is looking for people who would like to be part of a small but dedicated team to join their UK tour of *Journey of the Magi* in 2023.

*Journey of the Magi* is the company's most successful and longest running show, touring each year to churches and schools in rural communities across the UK.

Our Freelance Technician / Technical SM role would suit a competent, practical person over 21 who holds a clean (or nearly clean) driving license, who can drive the company van and has experience or interest in sound and lighting.

This technical role is tour-based, travelling in the UK, paid on an ad hoc basis.

This role requires a willingness to adapt and a willingness to help in any way possible to ensure the smooth running of the tours.

We are actively seeking to build a diverse working culture that is reflective of the society we live and work in, so we encourage applications from under-represented communities and groups.

#### KEY DATES 2023:

**Technical training day:** (Optional, depending on experience. Date to be agreed).

**Dress rehearsal:** Thursday 23rd November (Venue London or Cambridge tbc.)

**UK Touring period:** Friday 24th November – Saturday 23rd December 2023 (Dates are still being confirmed, we usually have 12-20 shows annually).

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

To be responsible for the technical operations of Springs Dance Company productions on tour.

#### PERSONAL SPECIFICATION:

The successful applicant will be a competent person that has (or is willing to acquire) a basic understanding of sound and lighting.

#### Essential:

- Experience of, or capacity to learn, sound and lighting operations for touring shows.
- A proficient driver who is aged 21+ with a clean (or nearly clean) driving license.
- Willingness to learn to adapt to any unfamiliar equipment and software.
- Willingness to help in any way possible to ensure the smooth running of the tour.
- Good interpersonal skills with capacity to work cooperatively with dancers and venue hosts whilst on tour.

- Willingness to work in churches and uphold the Christian ethos of the company.

**Desirable:**

- Experience as a theatrical technician.
- Experience of driving a crew vehicle such as a minibus or van.

**The roles and responsibilities of the technician will include:**

- a) To load and unload equipment, props, dance floor and accessories for rehearsal and touring venues.
- b) To set technical equipment for performances as directed by the Artistic Director. This includes but is not limited to:-
  - Rigging, cabling, focusing and de-rigging suitable lighting equipment
  - Rigging, cabling, equalising and de-rigging suitable sound equipment.
- c) To operate Sound and Lights as required during class, rehearsals and performances working from a previously prepared script or cue sheet. The show is pre-programmed to Q-lab.
- d) To assist the performers when needed in further set up for each show. This includes but is not limited to:-
  - Setting and dressing scenery and props
  - Preparing suitable backstage areas
  - Supporting the venue in preparing the performance and audience space
- e) To provide a liaison between Springs Dance Company and venue staff, concerning technical areas. This may involve simple contact prior to the visit to discuss technical requirements as well as ensuring the smooth running of the performance when on site.
- f) To ensure that equipment is used correctly and that at all times the company is working in a safe environment in line with the show risk assessment.
- g) To drive the performers and equipment in the company van to and from storage facilities, rehearsal, and performance venues.

**PAY:**

Pay will be at basic ITC/Equity rates.

During tours, accommodation and some meals are provided when touring. For our full reimbursement policy please get in touch.

**Next steps:**

To learn more about Springs Dance Company, please visit our website [www.springsdancecompany.org.uk](http://www.springsdancecompany.org.uk).

To find out more about this role including how to apply, please email [info@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:info@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or call 07775 628 442.