

# ABBEY THEATRE

## AMHARCLANN NA MAINISTREACH

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JOB TITLE: Deputy Senior Stage Technician (Fixed Term)

RESPONSIBLE TO: Head of Technical Stage

The Abbey Theatre is Ireland's national theatre and occupies a unique position in the hearts and minds of Irish people. It has two theatres; the Abbey, with a capacity of 492 seats, and the Peacock, with a capacity of 132 seats. We produce a year round programme of productions, public readings, talks, workshops and artistic development work. We produce work at home and on tour, which not only showcases Irish and international theatre but also engages with the artistic and civic life of contemporary Ireland

### PURPOSE

A fixed term position has arisen in the technical stage department. The role will join a team of stage technicians who deliver all of the Abbey Theatres work on the Abbey and Peacock stages as well as on stages outside of the building across Ireland and beyond.

This is a practical position and involves a lot of physical activity

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Duties of the Stage Technician:

- Assist the Head of Technical stage in planning and preparing equipment and stages for all productions in the Abbey Theatre and in any other sites as required
- Assisting in the safe and efficient fitting-up and getting-out of all productions in both the Abbey, Peacock, touring Theatres and in any other sites as required
- To maintain and keep clean all stage operations areas including docks, storage, fly tower and grid areas
- Assisting in the smooth running of each performance by completing all duties as may be reasonably requested, including but not limited to operating the theatres counterweight flies system, operating other stage or automation equipment, stage cues, Fire Marshal, Safety Curtain and Emergency Evacuation Procedures
- Read all show reports and continue running repairs/replacement of stage and scenic equipment throughout the run
- Support and assist the Creative Team as directed by the Head of Technical Stage
- General staging duties
- Any other duties which are deemed reasonable and appropriate, as assigned by the Head of Technical Stage

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

The post holder will have:

### Experience/Attributes

- 3-5 years experience in a Stage Technical Department.
- Ability to lead teams
- Good communication skills
- A keen interest in learning new skills and ways of working
- A knowledge of Health and Safety practices and experience of effective implementation
- A dynamic and committed approach to theatre.
- The ability to work well under pressure.

### Skills/Technical Knowledge

- Working knowledge of counterweight fly systems, staging, rigging and automation equipment and systems.
- Working at Height and Manual Handling Training

## General Terms and Conditions

**Post:** This is a 6 month fixed term role with the Abbey Theatre. Standard hours are 39 hours per week Monday to Saturday.

This post requires attendance at performances and events.

**Probationary period:** 1 month

**Annual Salary:** Salary commensurate with skills and experience.

**Holidays:** 24 days per annum (including Good Friday & Christmas Eve).

**Public Holidays:** 9 Public holidays per annum.

**Pension:** The Abbey Theatre provides employees with access to a *Personal Retirement savings Scheme Account* (PRSA) and will match contributions up to 5.5% of salary. Employees must contribute a minimum of 3% to avail of employer contributions. Contributions are made through payroll.

**Life Assurance:** The Abbey Theatre Group Life Assurance plan provides a benefit to all employees of 4 times annual salary in the event of death while in service.

**Health Insurance:** Employers are provided with the option to join the Abbey Theatre – VHI Group Scheme. Participant employees receive a 10% discount on any VHI plan and the subscription is deducted through payroll.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send the cover letter and an up to date CV to:

HR Generalist, Abbey Theatre, 26 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

**Or alternatively can be sent by email: [recruitment@abbeytheatre.ie](mailto:recruitment@abbeytheatre.ie) (preferred option)**

**The closing date for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

***The Abbey Theatre is an equal opportunities employer.***