

Musical Director Job Description

South Side Theatre Academy

Contract Type: Rolling Freelance

Musical Directing productions of Shrek the Musical and/or Chitty Chitty Bang Bang with 7–15-year-olds

South Side are on the search for a Musical Director to musical direct our two summer productions of 'Shrek the Musical JR' and 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR' with 2 classes of 7–11-year-olds, and 1 class of 11–15-year-olds on a Monday afternoon and Saturday morning. Further opportunities also available, in forms of workshops, LAMDA tuition, holiday projects and further themed terms in our Weekly Academy, alongside Musical Directing our yearly productions and getting involved with running further holiday projects and workshops. The Musical Director will join South Side's team of creative practitioners every week as the company grows, heading towards new class dates throughout 2023 and beyond.

Please note if you can only work on one of the productions then please still apply.

Salary: £20 an hour

Application Closing Date: Monday 5th December, 12pm

Working Arrangements: Shrek - Mondays 5-8pm at Esher Theatre from January (AND/OR) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Saturdays 10-11:30am in Surbiton from February

Reporting to: Artistic Director

Start Date: Monday 9th January 2023

About South Side



South Side Theatre Academy has been running at Hook Church in Surbiton since 2018, with an aim to create imaginative and inclusive theatre workshops, experiences and shows for all young people, giving them the opportunity to experience all elements of theatre at affordable prices.

We run weekly theatre workshops for 4-18-year-olds, holiday projects, school and youth club projects and productions, with our sole aim to open out top quality theatre education to everyone. All our workshops and rehearsals take place at Hook Evangelical Church. At South Side we believe that every young person learns differently and therefore ensure every workshop or project is specially designed to allow every single individual young person. to benefit and enjoy it.

Since launching in 2018, South Side has worked with over 700 young people through weekly classes, holiday projects and schools and youth club workshops. We have performed productions such as Bugsy Malone, Aladdin and various devised pieces, and worked with West End stars such as Charlie Stemp, Alexandra Sarmiento and Jocasta Almgill. It's a place where young people can come and forget about the outside world and just be creative and imaginative for an hour or two!

Our Next Steps

Over the last few months, South Side has gone on leaps and bounds. We are set in the new year to launch a new Thursday Academy and as we look ahead to the future numerous discussions are currently in place looking at new productions, dance classes and even our own studio. This will of course all take time, but as we grow over the next few years, we plan for all of these to become a reality, alongside so much more!

Our Past Work

Past work has included a wide variety of shows including Matilda, Annie and The Wizard of Oz, to name just a few! Alongside this, we run at least 3 sets of holiday projects a year, including play in a week, themed days such as 'The School for Witches and Wizards' and so much more!

Job Purpose

The successful candidate will musical direct our Summer 2023 productions of Shrek and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang with casts of 7-15-year-olds, plus the possibility of a further shows throughout the year.

The Musical Director will join our team from Monday 9th January 2023.

Key Responsibilities

- To run all musical rehearsals with our young members, running vocal warm-ups and teaching specific musical material, whilst keeping the South Side Theatre ethos.
- To work collaboratively with a creative team to produce Shrek and/or Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.
- To work closely with the Artistic Director to create his artistic vision for South Side Theatre Academy.
- To follow the ethos of South Side Theatre Academy's Weekly Theatre Academy Programme.

Potential Future Opportunities (if interested)

- To musical direct on other upcoming productions, including holiday projects during the Summer Holidays.
- To lead and coordinate a band and band rehearsals when required for productions.
- Potentially running 1-to-1 singing and LAMDA lessons.

Essential

- Experience and knowledge of the theatre industry.
- Be at least grade 8 on the piano.
- A background of musical directing in classes or productions.
- Confident, team player who's happy to bounce off other ideas.
- Knowledge of child protection procedures and plans.
- Experience of working in a fast-paced environment and therefore easily adaptable to circumstances.
- Confident teacher, being able to deliver a wide range of singing exercises to a high standard to children and teenagers.
- Experience of working with a theatre creative team

Desirable

- Experience of working with children.
- Diploma or Degree level training in Musical Theatre or other relevant subject or training.

- Experience of musical directing on productions with young people.
- Open to further opportunities for South Side Theatre.
- Have valuable links within the theatre industry.
- Flexibility on timings and rehearsal dates (not essential).
- Have a valid DBS (South Side can organise this if you don't have one)

We want you to feel comfortable in the way you apply.

To apply you can either send us:

1. A cover letter outlining why you would like to work for us and how you meet the job specification (no more than 2 A4 pages).
2. A PowerPoint Presentation outlining why you would like to work for us and how you meet the job specification.
3. A Video discussing why you would like to work for us and how you meet the job specification (no more than 5 minutes).

Please also send a copy of your CV and a completed Equal Opportunities Form to jobs@southsidetheatre.com with the subject: [Your Name], Musical Director.

Applications close on Monday 5th December 2022, 12pm, with interviews taking place over the following weeks. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. South Side reserves the right to close the job post earlier if sufficient applications are received.

South Side is an equal opportunities employer.

We very much look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to South Side Theatre Academy!

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