



GARSINGTON OPERA
AT WORMSLEY

Stage Technician (Trainee)

Garsington Opera is looking to appoint a Stage Technician Trainee for our upcoming 2026 season. To assist the Head of Stage and Stage Management in the running of the stage during technical rehearsals, daytime changeovers and show running.

Key Task Areas

- Taking on show cues during performances and general duties required for the running of performances and on-stage rehearsals
- Ensure all staging requirements of the productions are prepared to an excellent standard and are ready and functioning for rehearsals and performances
- Maintain a good practice of health and safety in all areas and report any problems to the Senior Stage Technician
- Assist, when required, in ensuring all under-stage and orchestra areas are set as required for the performance
- To construct minor scenic elements relevant to skill level and to undertake minor technical alterations to scenery
- To help maintain scenery and props to the highest standard possible
- Maintain a tidy and clean working environment in all backstage areas in general and as requested by the Senior Stage Technician
- To carry out any other task that will, from time to time be allocated by the Senior Stage Technician, Technical Director or Head of Stage on an ad hoc or continuing basis, relevant with the general level of responsibility of the post

Personal Specification

No previous qualifications are required for this role.

Essential

- Flexibility, stamina and ability to multi-task and a reliable time-keeper
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Basic foundation skills in stage craft
- Basic knowledge of current Health & Safety working practices
- Ability to demonstrate a calm approach when working closely with other technical staff and performers in pressured situations
- Attention to detail
- Conversant in basic stage terminology
- Ability to work as part of a close-knit team in an enclosed environment, working towards a deadline

Desirable

- Basic knowledge of rigging and working at height
- Basic knowledge of power tool operation and simple carpentry skills
- Enthusiasm for technical stage work and a desire to develop skills



Terms

- Dates of Engagement: 1 May 2026 to 27 July 2026
- Total Fee of £ 6,250 paid in instalments on a bi-weekly basis
- Holiday pay will accumulate and paid at the end of the contract
- Full Training will be given in basic health and safety, basic rigging, use of access equipment and any other specialist equipment if required
- Meal or meal allowance provided on all technical rehearsal and performance days.

Closing Date for applications: **9am on Friday 9 January 2026**

Interview dates tbc.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter to rowan@garsingtonopera.org. Please ensure your CV and covering letter is attached in PDF format.