



Wigs, Hair & Make-up Assistant

Garsington Opera is looking to appoint a Wigs and Make Up Assistant for our upcoming 2026 season. Working alongside the Wigs and Make Up Manager in the provision of all Wigs, Hair and Make Up.

Key Duties

- To take part in the pre-setting of wigs, hair dressing for performers, assisting during changes/quick-changes during performance, retrieving and maintaining wigs after performance
- To create a reliable running plot, documenting any cues taken
- To maintain a good practice of health and safety in all areas and report any problems to the Wigs and Make Up Manager or Technical Director
- To make minor hair elements relevant to skill level and to undertake minor alterations as necessary
- To help maintain all wigs to the highest standard possible
- Notify the Wigs, Hair and Make Up Manager of any stocks of consumables and make up that need replenishing
- To carry out any other tasks that will, from time to time be allocated by the Technical Director, Wig Supervisor or Wigs, Hair and Make Up Manager on an ad hoc or continuing basis, relevant with the general level of responsibility of the post.

Personal Specification

No specific qualifications required.

Essential

- To have held a similar position for 1 years or more
- Good skills in fitting, setting and maintaining wigs
- Good knowledge of hairdressing and make up applications
- Flexibility, stamina, ability to multi-task and reliable timekeeper
- Experience in working closely with performers at a professional level, demonstrating a calm approach in pressured situations
- Knowledge of current Health and Safety regulations
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work as part of a close-knit team in an enclosed environment, working towards a deadline.

Desirable

- Driving Licence and own car
- Previous experience of Opera
- Experience in liaising with Creative Teams
- Experience in wig making and knot training
- Outdoor Event experience



Terms

- Dates of Engagement: Friday 1 May to Saturday 25 July 2026
- Total fee of £8,160 to be paid on a bi-weekly basis
- Local home-stay accommodation can be provided
- Meal or meal allowance provided on all technical rehearsal and performance days

Closing Date for applications **9am on Monday 9 February 2026.**

To apply please send a CV and covering letter expressing why you are interested in working at Garsington and highlighting your relevant skills to rowan@garsingtonopera.org Please ensure both documents are attached in PDF format.