



SPA THEATRE
C O M P A N Y

DIRECTOR JUNIOR COMPANY

A Brief History of the Spa Theatre Company

The Company was initially founded in 1982 as a young people's group. From 1982 to 1991, the group remained as a young people's organisation (the upper age limit being 18). In 1991, the view was that the Company should be more ambitious, by lifting the age limit. The Company retained the Junior section, but formed the Senior Company, a situation which prevails today.

The Director Position – Junior Company

The role advertised is that of Director for the Junior Company. The Junior Company is primarily a "teaching" organisation. Its primary aim is to offer a high standard of teaching in speech, drama, music and dance. It has its own Director, Musical Director and Choreographer. The academic year consists of three terms, commencing in September each year. The academic year culminates in the public performance of a musical at a local theatre, usually in May.

The Commitment

The members of the Junior Company are aged 7 to 15-plus. Entry is by audition. They meet on Tuesday evenings during term time between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. From the beginning of January up to the date of the annual production they also rehearse on Sunday afternoons during term time between 2.30pm and 5.00pm.

Key Attributes

The Director reports directly to the Committee of Spa Theatre Company and is responsible for:

- Liaising with the Musical Director and Choreographer to ensure the smooth running of the Junior Company
- Ensuring the safety and well-being of the children attending sessions
- Organising auditions for entry into the Company
- Preparing the annual schedule of teaching and rehearsal sessions
- Planning the annual production
- Helping to select a suitable show
- Deciding on audition pieces for principal roles
- Organising auditions for principal roles
- Liaising with the theatre management regarding get-in and get-out times
- Liaising on wardrobe, set design, lighting, stage management, back-stage crew
- Reporting to the Committee on a termly basis

Candidates must be CRB checked and it would be helpful if they had been teacher trained. The Tuesday sessions must be well planned and prepared, and candidates will need to work well with both the choreographer and musical director. It should be stressed that the youngsters gain educational values on Tuesday evenings and that they must be in a learning experience situation.

Remuneration

The Spa Theatre Company is a Registered Charity for its work in the tuition of young people. A corollary of this is that the remuneration for the post of Director will not be at a fully-commercial rate.

The fee for the Junior Director role is a fixed sum of £750, paid as a single instalment at the end of the run of the show. The sum is paid tax-free, as remuneration for expenses.

The first session of new academic year is on Tuesday 6 September 2011.

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