**Casual Backstage Technician**

The Stockport Plaza Super Cinema and Variety Theatre presents cinema screenings and live events all year around, including community events, fundraisers, opera, ballet, live bands, plays, and comedy. We are also a licensed wedding venue, and regularly host private events, both in our Plaza tea rooms and on stage.

**Roles and responsibilities:**

You will be providing technical support to all events within the Plaza business, therefore previous experience of working with Stage Technologies, Sound, Lighting or AV equipment would be preferred, although training on all in house equipment, systems and procedures will be provided.

You will be expected to support and uphold the ethos of the Plaza Super Cinema and Variety Theatre and act as a suitable ambassador for our venue at all times when dealing with members of the public and touring companies.

You will also be expected to follow Plaza safe working procedures at all times, and encourage a safe and healthy working environment for yourself and your fellow team members.

All Plaza staff and volunteers work inter-departmentally when necessary, so there are regular opportunities to exercise skills in general maintenance, working with the public, etc. as required.

**Person Specification:**

All applicants must be 18 or over.

The Plaza is run in the main with volunteer staff therefore experience working in the volunteer sector would be useful, most teams contain both volunteers and paid staff and the backstage department is no exception.

Holders of a BTEC in Technical Theatre, similar or equivalent is preferred although all training will be given in house where necessary. As a volunteer organisation we recognise that many skills acquired outside of theatre are easily transferrable to backstage roles. Experiences such as working in engineering, carpentry, computing, with children, etc. can all be utilised and appreciated here.

**Hours of work:**

Hours of work are variable depending on the requirements of the event on each day.

Personnel will be called for a minimum 4 hour call for live events and 2 hours for cinema presentations as and when required.

The working day can occasionally start as early as 7am and can finish as late as 2am the next morning, although hours are normally arranged so that shifts are between 5 and 8 hours long. Flexibility is crucial to any backstage role. There are no extra payments made for working “unsociable hours”

**Remuneration:**

£8 per hour – minimum 4 or 2 hour call (see above), paid for working on live events or cinema presentations.

Volunteer credits – accrued for hours worked as a volunteer, can be spent on tickets to see films and shows within the Plaza.

Apply by email with a CV and cover letter to [rosie.holdaway@stockportplaza.co.uk](mailto:rosie.holdaway@stockportplaza.co.uk)

Closing date 12th September 2016

Interviews will be held 19th/20th September 2016