

Creative Learning Producer

GUILDFORD SHAKESPEARE COMPANY OVERVIEW

Since 2006, Guildford Shakespeare Company has been entertaining and educating Surrey and the South with unique theatre experiences in extraordinary places. We are still run by Sarah Gobran and Matt Pinches, who started the company 15 years ago, nurturing GSC into one of the largest producers of home-grown professional theatre in the region.

To date we have welcomed more than 120,000 audience members to our site responsive productions. As well as Shakespeare on lakes, in castles, churches, museums, galleries and gardens, we've commissioned eight brand new works inspired by classics including Chaucer, the Brothers Grimm, Dickens, Andersen and Lewis Carroll. In 2015, the inimitable Brian Blessed OBE joined the company to play the title role in *King Lear* and is now our Honorary Patron.

We have received numerous awards for our community engagement and in 2019 an Inclusivity Award from the prestigious Institute of Directors.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH OVERVIEW

Our busy Education and Outreach Department works with some 5,000 people, young and old, across the South East. We currently deliver 8 of weekly in-house drama clubs and classes for all ages, along with in-school workshops and private tuition.

Launched in 2018, **Brave New World** is our programme of outreach projects to assist less-advantaged schools and reduce social isolation in the community. Every year, some 3,500 participants take part in live theatre experiences, workshops and therapy sessions, the vast majority of which are entirely FREE to access.

These include:

- Inter-generational projects between schools and care-homes
- Mental-health courses for teenagers and their families
- Clubs for young carers
- Primary and Secondary school tours
- Residency in a number of Guildford schools
- Specialist Summer Club for children with special educational needs and Disabilities

Our over-riding objective is to broaden cultural engagement and nurture the audiences and artists of tomorrow. Our desire to be the go-to resource for Shakespeare education in the South East (outside of London), is an essential component in realising that ambition. We are committed to making GSC one of the most recognised theatre companies in the South East, a model of performance and participation excellence.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

There could be many routes to this role; you may have a background in theatre, education, charitable or social enterprise, or a combination of all of these. You will be a passionate, pro-active ambassador for driving change through drama in communities and a champion for social inclusion.

You will have an inquisitive attitude to discover new ways to engage with our current participants, whilst seeking out new opportunities and partners to enable growth and widen our impact.

You'll be calm and good-humoured under pressure and an initiative-taker willing to ask for advice. You will work with a combination of funding partners, schools and other arts organisations, which will require you to be adaptable, discreet and methodical.

In a supportive, non-corporate working environment, you will be an integral part of our small, hard-working team who thrive on making magical experiences.

Essential:

- Experience of developing and managing community engagement projects.
- Excellent organisational skills including project, time and team management.
- Outstanding attention to detail and communication skills
- Experience of creating and managing project budgets
- Demonstrable experience of making successful funding applications
- Perceptive and compassionate interpersonal skills, and being comfortable talking/presenting to funders, partners, teachers and parents
- A working knowledge of Shakespeare's plays and their context
- A passion for creating and delivering an ambitious range of diverse cultural opportunities.

Desirable:

- Experience in editing/adapting texts and devising/delivering workshops
- An awareness of the demands of the current national curriculum
- An appreciation of the need to promote an inclusive culture
- Experience of hiring practitioners
- Experience of Mailchimp, internet and social media advertising

Salary Up to £27,000pa, depending on experience

Closing Date Friday 22 October, 4pm

Interviews w/c 25 October

Application CV & covering letter to Sarah Gobran (Joint Artistic & Executive Producer)

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