



Freelance Technician / Technical SM

JOB DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND:

Springs is looking for a technician to join a dedicated team for their 28th UK tour of *Journey of the Magi* in 2025.

Journey of the Magi is the company's most successful and longest running show, touring each year to churches and schools in rural communities across the UK.

Our Freelance Technician / Technical SM role would suit a competent, practical person over 21 who holds a clean (or nearly clean) driving license, who can drive the company van and has experience or interest in sound and lighting.

This technical role is tour-based, paid on an ad hoc basis.

This role requires a willingness to adapt and to help in any way to ensure the smooth running of the tour.

We are actively seeking to build a diverse working culture that is reflective of the society we live and work in, so we encourage applications from under-represented communities and groups.

KEY DATES 2025:

Technical training day: Wednesday 19th November, venue tbc

Dress rehearsal: Thursday 20th November, venue tbc

UK Touring period: Friday 21st November – Monday 22nd December 2025

Dates are still being confirmed, we usually have 10-18 shows annually

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

To be responsible for the technical operations of Springs Dance Company productions on tour.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION:

The successful applicant will be a competent person that has (or is willing to acquire) a basic understanding of sound and lighting.

Essential:

- Experience of, or capacity to learn, sound and lighting operations for touring shows.
- A proficient driver who is aged 21+ with a clean (or nearly clean) driving license.
- Willingness to learn to adapt to any unfamiliar equipment and software.
- Willingness to help in any way possible to ensure the smooth running of the tour.
- Good interpersonal skills with capacity to work cooperatively with dancers and venue hosts whilst on tour.
- Willingness to work in churches and uphold the Christian ethos of the company.

Desirable:

- Experience as a theatrical technician.
- Experience of driving a crew vehicle such as a minibus or van.

The roles and responsibilities of the technician will include:

- a) To load and unload equipment, props, dance floor and accessories for rehearsal and touring venues.
- b) To set technical equipment for performances as directed by the Artistic Director. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Rigging, cabling, focusing and de-rigging lighting equipment
 - Rigging, cabling, equalising and de-rigging sound equipment when there is no suitable sound in-house.
- c) To operate Sound and Lights as required during class, rehearsals and performances working from a previously prepared script or cue sheet. The show is pre-programmed to Q-lab.
- d) To assist the performers when needed in further set up for each show. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Preparing suitable backstage areas
 - Supporting the venue in preparing the performance and audience space
- e) To provide a liaison between Springs Dance Company and venue staff, concerning technical areas. This may involve simple contact prior to the visit to discuss technical requirements as well as ensuring the smooth running of the performance when on site.
- f) To ensure that equipment is always used correctly and that the company is working in a safe environment in line with the show risk assessment.
- g) To drive the performers and equipment in the company van to and from storage facilities, rehearsal, and performance venues.

PAY:

Pay will be at basic ITC/Equity rates which is currently £133 per performance day and £65 per travel day plus holiday pay at 12.07%

During tours, accommodation and some meals are provided when touring. For our full reimbursement policy please get in touch.

Next steps:**How to apply:**

To apply please send us:

- 1) Your CV
- 2) A short covering letter. You can do this in written, voice-note or video form.

It is important that you let us know how you fit the role advertised above.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at jobs@springsdancecompany.org.uk or call 07775 628 442.

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