



Scenic Carpentry Apprentice

Job Description

What is a scenic carpenter?

A scenic carpenter in the performing arts is responsible for creating all aspects of stage scenery, using timber and other materials. The designer produces a design consisting of drawings, a model, computer images etc. From this construction drawings are created and using these, the scenic carpenters bring the design to life.

What is scenery?

Stage scenery can be anything from simple wall structures (flats) and platforms, to elaborate buildings or representations of other locations to more abstract designs. Stage scenery is usually made using a metal framework which wood and other materials are applied to.

Purpose of the apprenticeship

The Scenic Carpentry Apprenticeship is an opportunity to learn and understand the trade of scenic carpenter within the performing arts industry.

What is involved?

You will be based at our purpose-built production workshop on the High House Production Park in Purfleet, Essex. The carpentry workshop builds and refurbishes scenery for our productions.

- Your time will be split between the workshops and the Building Crafts College in Stratford, E15, where you will study for a Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery Apprenticeship Standard.
- Basic AutoCAD training will be given.



Role / Title:

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Reports to:

Apprenticeships Manager

Line managed by:

Head of Construction/
Workshop Foreman



What is involved? (cont.)

- During your second year there will be the opportunity to spend time in the scenic workshops of another venue or a commercial scenic workshop.
- Work is usually carried out at the carpentry and metalwork workshops in Purfleet, Essex but you may occasionally be required to work at other venues.
- Time at college will be in 2-3 week blocks.
- Working week is 42.5 hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 4.30pm.
- You will be supported throughout the apprenticeship by a college tutor, carpentry workshop staff and the HR Team.

Who will you be working with?

You will work alongside a variety of people and departments throughout the apprenticeship, but you will work most often with the following teams:

- Scenic carpentry staff and supervisors
- Production Managers
- Designers
- Scenic metalworkers and scenic artists.

What will you do in the workplace during the apprenticeship?

- Put all the skills learned at college into practice in the workshop environment.
- Assist in making stage scenery using a wide range of techniques, materials and finishes.
- Assist in applying different materials to scenery as directed.
- Have a positive and responsible attitude to health and safety.
- Keep up to date with any new and improved scenery-making techniques, materials or ways of working.
- Maintain a safe and tidy work area, carrying out machine maintenance and cleaning as instructed.
- Participate in any extra training as necessary.
- Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by the head of department, Carpentry Foreman or Apprenticeships Manager.
- Attend regular meetings with line managers and the Apprenticeships Manager to review progress.
- Submit learning logs and diaries to the Apprenticeships Manager.



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Minimum Essential Requirements

- You must be **18 years old** or over on 6th September 2021.
- You **must not** have completed a degree or equivalent level qualification in the UK or elsewhere.
- You **must** have work authorisation for the UK.

What are we looking for in a scenic carpentry apprentice?

- Previous woodworking experience (this could be at school, youth club, home or a workplace etc.).
- An ability and enjoyment of working with your hands using various materials.
- A practical approach to problem solving.
- Good at working in a team.
- Good communication skills.
- A helpful and positive approach.
- Punctual.
- Self-motivated to acquire new skills and knowledge.
- Willing to work at height.
- Good spatial awareness.
- Respectful and receptive approach to all health and safety requirements.
- Physically capable of undertaking the requirements of the job. Reasonable adjustments will be considered as part of your application.

Note:

This Job Description reflects the current situation. It does not preclude change or development that might be required in the future.

