



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Project Rigging and Rescue Manager
Reports to: Technical Estate Renewal Programme Lead

Background:

The Royal Ballet and Opera (RBO) is undertaking a major programme of work bringing together a range of energy and sustainability initiatives, infrastructure replacement works, and individual projects which transform the working environment across our estate. The RBO technical estate was installed in 1999 and much has reached the end of its life or has been superseded by technological advancements.

The Technical Estate Renewal Team is underway in a multiyear upgrade of all the technical systems in the building. Ongoing and future works include upgrades of stage machinery, lighting, sound, video, and broadcast equipment, delivered in close cooperation with operational colleagues to work around a demanding schedule.

The RBO is seeking a rigger with significant rescue experience to add to the team to support the range of projects. This role is critical to setting up safe systems of work for personnel working at-height and designing rescue equipment and procedures for areas with limited access.

The role will include opportunity to contribute to the design of new and innovative rigging structures to replace existing elements.

Responsibilities:

Project

- Assist renewal team project managers and their vendors to set up safe systems of work for varied areas
- Design rescue systems for areas with limited access where incapacitated personnel cannot easily be moved from i.e. working platforms accessible only by ladders
- Train personnel on use of rescue systems and ensure personnel regularly rehearse these procedures
- Be present during work in areas where personnel cannot easily train and perform rescue
- Assist in the design of new permanent rigging elements in the venue

- Plan, undertake and/or supervise lifting operations for moving/removing equipment through the building as projects require
- Ensure stage and public areas remain safe from falling objects after work is performed in or above those areas
- Assist in other project work as required

Technical & Production:

- Plan renewals project rigging work around the production schedule with technical and production teams

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Skills:

- National Rigging Certificate Level 2 or 3
- Training and experience in working at height, use of work positioning and fall arrest equipment
- Training and experience in the use of mobile elevating work platforms
- Substantial experience with setting up and rehearsing rescue operations
- Experience of rigging in similar environment
- Knowledge of Health & Safety, Working at Height Regulations and LOLER
- Experience with operation of manual and powered lifting equipment

Desirable skills and qualifications:

- Experience with training non-rigging personnel to use safe systems of work and rescue systems
- Knowledge of Construction and Design Management Regulations 2015
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Able to work calmly under pressure

Job Requirements:

- This role will require a mix of day, evening, overnight and weekend work
- Sound knowledge of health and safety requirements and safe working practices
- Awareness of equal opportunities principles
- Manual handling
- Willingness to work sustainably and consider new or improved ways of working to reduce our impact on the environment.

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

