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Opera North Job Pack

Textiles Artist



Opera North's purpose is to create extraordinary experiences every day, using music and opera to entertain, engage, challenge and inspire.

Our people

Working at Opera North you will be part of a company and group of people committed to fulfilling this purpose. Whatever role you take we will provide you with an induction plan that introduces you to your job and the team you'll be working in, as well as giving you the opportunity to meet colleagues across the company. Our success in delivering against our purpose will be built on the commitment, skills, diversity and well-being of the people who work at Opera North, and we will invest in training to develop our people both professionally and personally, because we believe this strengthens not only our company, but also the wider creative sector.



**Our communities and
audiences are part of us
and we are part of them.**



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Who we are

Based in Leeds, rooted in the North of England and international in outlook, our award-winning work tours to theatre stages and concert halls throughout the North and beyond, including to London and major international festivals. Alongside touring opera, in Leeds we curate an eclectic artistic programme of gigs, concerts, spoken word and film in the Howard Assembly Room. We aim to make work that is bold, innovative and ambitious, always looking for new ways to share and create with audiences.

Music for everyone

Opera North believes opera and music is for everyone, and champions diversity in artists, repertoire and audiences. Through our Learning & Engagement team, the Company connects with communities and inspires each generation, aiming to enhance the health and well being of people in the cities, towns and villages where we work through arts participation and performance.

A new home

In 2021 we moved into our new home, the Howard Opera Centre. It is a world class rehearsal facility for our orchestra, chorus and all the artists we work with, sharing the same building as our new education studio where everyone is welcome to learn about and make music. We have also created a modern flexible working environment for our staff and given our venue, the Howard Assembly Room, a new lease of life with a dedicated entrance and public spaces, together with restaurant and bar in the heart of Leeds.

Leeds as a capital of culture

Leeds is the only city in England outside of London to have a resident full time opera company, ballet and repertoire theatre as part of a diverse, collaborative and thriving cultural scene. That rich offer has been complemented by a growing tech sector. Surrounded by the stunning Yorkshire countryside including the Dales, Moors and North Sea coastline, Leeds is a fantastic place to live and work.

Purpose of the role

To contribute to the successful production of Opera North's performances by creating high-quality textile effects for costumes, ensuring they meet artistic and production standards.

Reports to

Head of Costume and Wigs

Key accountabilities

- Develop and apply textile effects, including dyeing, painting, printing, ageing, and distressing, to ensure costumes meet artistic vision.
- Provide textile solutions for millinery, jewellery, armour, and accessories, contributing to the overall visual impact of productions.
- Collaborate with the Head of Costume, Senior Costume Supervisor, and Workroom Manager to align production schedules
- Attend production meetings, fittings, and stage rehearsals to provide input on textile requirements and changes.
- Be fully conversant and compliant with the Company's health and safety policies and procedures.
- Manage and maintain textile equipment and supplies, Ensuring compliance with COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)
- Document textile processes accurately to support production continuity and future reference.
- Contribute to the development of new textile techniques and processes to enhance costume production quality.
- Performs related duties or projects as assigned / directed.



Job requirements

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) in Textiles for Theatre (Essential)

Experience / skills required

- Minimum of 4 years' experience working in theatre, television, or film in a comparable role
- Experience in digital printing
- Expertise in ageing and distressing techniques
- Skilled in dyeing processes





Terms and conditions

Contract type: Fixed term, Full -Time

Salary: £34,250 per annum

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 35 hours +overtime

Holiday entitlement: 33 days inclusive of 8 statutory holidays, per annum pro rata

Pension: Opera North will automatically enrol you into the company pension scheme upon appointment and after 3 months' service will contribute equivalent to 5.5% of your basic pay, should you meet the current legislative criteria. You will be required to make a personal contribution of 2.5% of your basic pay. We reserve the right to make future changes to our pension arrangements.

Equity, diversity and inclusion

We promote equity, diversity and inclusion in our workplace and make recruitment decisions by matching our needs with the skills and experience of the candidate. As we work to address underrepresentation in our workforce, we are particularly keen to hear from applicants from the global majority or those with other protected characteristics.

The successful candidate must have the right to work in the UK or be ready to obtain it.

General responsibilities of everyone who works for us:

- Represent the company values and purpose to create extraordinary experiences everyday
- Work collaboratively and co-operatively with all team members and take an active part in team meetings and discussions
- Be an ambassador for Opera North and follow our policies and procedures
- Play your part in ensuring that everyone who comes through our door is welcomed and treated with respect

How to apply

To apply for this role, please send a CV and covering letter via the Hireful website.

If you need any help completing your application please contact appointments@operanorth.co.uk

Good luck with your application and we look forward to hearing from you.



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