

Chaperone Volunteer

Role description

Main purpose: Chaperones will help with the smooth running and organisation of young people back stage and act as *loco parentis*, ensuring the young people are well looked after whilst in the Theatre's care.

Description: Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) is one of the UK's flagship theatres with an international reputation for producing work of the highest quality, ranging from large-scale musicals to distinguished dramas. Each year, Chichester Festival Youth Theatre (CFYT) bring their passion, burgeoning expertise and talent to the Christmas show, a popular highlight of CFT's Winter Season and a bi-annually we have a Summer promenade performance.

With over 60 young people taking part in each show, their welfare is paramount to the production. In order for us to ensure that the young people are safe and their wellbeing is looked after throughout the production we have a group of Chaperones that assist us. For each performance we have around 7- 10 Chaperones, and usually a team of about 20 to 30 people to draw on.

Chaperoning can be a very rewarding role; you get to experience the buzz of backstage and the excitement the young people get from performing in a professional theatre and you become part of a lovely team of people. It's a great opportunity to experience life in a world renowned theatre in an integral role to the production.

Skills: Volunteers are not expected to bring any particular set of skills to the role; however, experience in working with young people or child-minding would be beneficial. A chaperone license is required, if you do not own one we are able to provide full training with the Children in Entertainment team for the cost of £30 (please contact us if this would be a barrier). Due to new licensing rules we are unable to take on any DBS only helpers.

Based at: Chichester Festival Theatre

Time required: A chaperone shift covers one performance or one half a day of rehearsals. These shifts will be broken up into 4 hour sessions in either the AM/PM/EVE.

Flexibility: We will send availability sheets at least two months prior to performance dates. We would then ask anyone participating to commit to at least 4 shifts throughout the run.

Reports to: Chaperone Manager & Learning, Education and Participation (LEAP) Officer

To register your interest in this role, please email Elspeth Barron: elspeth.barron@cft.org.uk quoting '**Chaperone Volunteer**' in the subject line, along with your availability, or call 01243 784 437 ext. 2120

Chichester Festival Theatre is committed to safeguarding and protecting the children and young people we work with. We ensure a range of policies and procedures are in place which promote safeguarding and safer practise across our organisation.

We believe diversity is about celebrating and valuing individuals. The Theatre has an equality of opportunity approach and aspires to give everyone the chance to achieve their potential.

Many thanks for your interest in volunteering at Chichester Festival Theatre and we hope to welcome you to the team soon!