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TECHNICAL THEATRE JOB TITLES

The following table describes the ‘jobs’ that are associated with each ‘department’ in the theatre. These are broken down into ‘management’ levels from Heads of Department to casual, part time and freelance employees. At each level the job titles do not describe a hierarchy but rather reflect the different titles that may be given to people undertaking the same role in different organisations. Entry to the industry would normally be at either the Assistant or Casual/Freelance levels depending on training and the kinds of skills offered. The table also describes potential career progression although sideways movement is also likely. For instance a Deputy Stage Manager on a small-scale regional theatre production might move on to become an Assistant Stage Manager on a larger scale show in the West End or with one of the National companies. Similarly people may move from other departments into Production Management. The list is not comprehensive, other job titles may be encountered according to local practice and in response to new technologies and the way that companies are organised.

The following abbreviations have been used in the tables on pages 20 and 21:

HoD = Head of Department

PM = Production Manager

RSM = Resident Stage Manager

ASM = Assistant Stage Manager

SM = Stage Manager

LX = Lighting or Lighting Department or Electrics Department

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Department	Production Management	Stage Management	Stage / Technical	Lighting / Electrics	Sound
HoD Level	Company Manager Head of Production Operations Director Production Director Production Manager Production Supervisor Technical Director	Company & Stage Manager Resident Stage Manager Stage Manager	Resident Stage Manager Chief Stage Technician Master Carpenter Stage Supervisor Technical Manager Technical Stage Manager Head Flyman	Chief Electrician Head of Lighting Lighting Supervisor Lighting Manager	Head of Sound Sound Designer Sound Engineer Sound Number 1 Deputy Chief LX
Deputy Level	Deputy Production Manager Assistant PM	Deputy Stage Manager	Chargehand Deputy RSM Deputy Stage Manager Deputy Technical Manager	Deputy Chief LX Lighting Technician	Deputy Head of Sound Sound Deputy Sound Number 2 Sound Technician
Assistant Level	Operations Assistant Production Assistant	Assistant Stage Manager Technical ASM Acting ASM	Assistant Technical SM Dayman Stage Technician Flyman	Assistant LX Board Operator Chargehand LX Dayman	Sound Number 3 Sound Operator
Part Time/Casual/ Freelance			Showman Stage Crew Rigger Automation Programmer Automation Operator	Follow Spot Operator LX Showman	

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Department	Scenic Construction	Properties / Props Construction	Armoury	Paintshop / Scenic Art	Costume / Wardrobe / Wigs
HoD Level	Head of Scenic Construction Master Carpenter Workshop Manager	Head of Props Props Master Props Manager Props Supervisor Props Buyer	Chief Armourer Head of Armoury	Paintshop Manager Head of Paintshop Head of Scenic Art	Head of Wardrobe Wardrobe Manager Wardrobe Master Wardrobe Supervisor Wigs Supervisor
Deputy Level	Deputy Head Deputy Master Carpenter	Prop Maker	Deputy Armourer	Scenic Artist	Cutter Dyer Maker Wardrobe Deputy
Assistant Level	Assistant Carpenter Set Carpenter Stage Carpenter	Props Assistant Running Props Props Crew	Assistant Armourer		Dresser Wardrobe Assistant Wigs Assistant Wigs Technician
Part Time/Casual/ Freelance	Showman Stage Crew	Freelance Prop Maker Freelance Prop Buyer		Freelance Painter Freelance Scenic Artist	Dresser

