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Thank you for your interest in the post of **Domestic Assistant.** 

This pack includes information on Theatre Royal Stratford East, the job description, person specification and details on how to apply. Please read all the information carefully before starting your application. Only relevant information will be considered when shortlisting applicants for interview. You may find it helpful to look at the Stratford East website <u>www.stratfordeast.com</u> for general information on the theatre's policies, current programme and past history.

We would like all applicants to know that if they need additional support during the recruitment process we are happy to make reasonable adjustments.

## Access requirements for the application process

We want to make this application process as accessible as possible and supply large print application packs. We will accept covering letters and CVs in a video or audio format.

We appreciate that some candidates will have needs which mean that it is preferable for them to submit a recorded application, rather than a written one. Recorded applications should be:

- No longer than 5 minutes, unless longer is needed to meet your access needs
- We welcome application videos in BSL

If you have any specific requirements including anything you might need should you get called for interview (e.g. interpreters, information in different formats etc.), or would like to discuss any aspect of the role in confidence, please contact

recruitment@stratfordeast.com.

Please note, any information you provide around your access requirements will not form part of the shortlisting process.

To apply for the post, please:

- Enter your details on our online submission form: <u>https://hr.breathehr.com/v/domestic-assistant-18047</u> and upload your covering letter and CV.
- Complete the equal opportunities monitoring form via this link: <u>Applicant Monitoring Form</u> (optional)

- If you choose to submit a recorded application, please email the recording to <u>recruitment@stratfordeast.com</u>
- If your recorded application can be found online, please send the link to <u>recruitment@stratfordeast.com</u>
- When submitting your covering letter and CV via our website, please ensure your full name is part of the file name of the document you upload.
- Please ensure you CV is no longer than 2 pages.

We may ask you to carry out a task as part of the interview process. We give as much notice as possible ahead of a task. We are happy to make reasonable adjustments for applicants, if needed, to complete the task.

We look forward to receiving your application and thank you for your interest in Theatre Royal Stratford East.

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# **Theatre Royal Stratford East**

Stratford East makes theatre both for, and inspired by, our community in Newham, East London. We continue the political and revolutionary ethos of our founder Joan Littlewood as a leading London theatre and civic hub for East London. We are driven by our art, inclusive and bold.

We tell stories that provoke discourse about the world we live in and our place within it.

Stratford East is a producing theatre, built in 1884, in the heart of East London, situated a short walk from Stratford station. We have a proud history and an exciting future. We represent our culturally and socially diverse community in the work we make, the people we employ and our audiences and participants. We tell stories that are current, political and representative of London.

From 1953 – 1979 the theatre was the home of Joan Littlewood's legendary Theatre Workshop Company. The Company received international recognition with their acclaimed productions such as Oh, What a Lovely War! and A Taste of Honey. Many leading actors, writers and directors have been part of the Theatre Royal Stratford East family including Meera Syal, Barbara Windsor, Don Warrington, Sheila Hancock, Indhu Rubasingham, Tanika Gupta, Roy Williams and Cynthia Erivo.

Under Nadia Fall's Artistic direction, we present a bold programme of reimagined classics, timely revivals and ground-breaking new work. Nadia's first season included a revival of *Equus*, which received seven 5 star reviews and a West End transfer, Sir Lenny Henry starred in a critically acclaimed and powerful rendition of August Wilson's *King Hedley II*, and we engaged over 300 young people in a large scale production of Benjamin Britten's *Noyes Fludde* in collaboration with English National Opera.

Alongside our work on stage, we run a Learning and Participation offer that is accessible and inclusive to all, with the aim to develop creative talent for people of every age. We run a range of programmes to create a lasting impact for our local community which aims to:

- provide routes into the industry, across all theatre departments, with a particular focus on diversifying those coming into the workplace, ensuring the theatre workplace of the future is a diverse and skilled one; and
- provide opportunities to people of all ages to develop their creative talents and engage with the work of the theatre, ensuring that there is a creative outlet to the widest possible constituency.

# **Our Mission**

- We produce work of the highest artistic quality that is:
  - Popular: Theatre of the highest quality that seeks to move and entertain everyone
  - Political: Work that provokes discourse about the world we live in and our place within it
  - Inclusive: Stories that are representative of our East London home and speaks to a wider

London audience and which strive for an expansive and imaginative portrayal of its diverse communities

- We ensure diversity and inclusion is central to everything we do
- We are investing in our Grade 2 listed building
- We work to be environmentally sustainable
- We nurture and develop our staff
- We create and champion opportunities for a diverse range of artists
- We develop an emerging generation of talent
- We present a year-round participation programme for people of all ages
- We engage with local partners and people in Newham and the East London area

#### **Governance and Finances**

Theatre Royal Stratford East is a registered charity (Charity Name: Pioneer Theatres Ltd) and a company limited by guarantee. Stratford East Trading Limited is a subsidiary of the charity and operates the bar and catering provision. We are overseen by a non-executive Board of Directors chaired by Dame Margaret Hodge MP. The Board delegate day-to-day management of the theatre to its Executive Team: Nadia Fall (Artistic Director and CEO) and Eleanor Lang (Executive Director).

We have an annual turnover of approximately £3.5m and our work is funded through four main sources: grant income from Arts Council England and the London Borough of Newham; box office income; fundraising income from trusts, businesses and individuals; and other earned income which includes commercial hires, catering and front of house sales.

## COVID-19

As with many in the theatre industry, our doors reopened to the public on 2nd June 2021 after a prolonged dark period due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. This job description is written with our current plans in mind, however, in light of the current rapidly changing and unpredictable situation it is possible that priorities might change.

# JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Domestic Assistant

Reporting to: Building & Facilities Manager

**Key Working Relationships:** Other members of the Domestic team, Building & Facilities team. **MAIN PURPOSE OF THE POST** 

## **Principal duties and responsibilities**

Share responsibility for cleaning all areas of the building with other members of the team. You will:

- Ensure all bins are emptied
- Ensure that toilets are kept clean and well stocked
- Vacuum carpet areas

- Mop non carpeted floor surfaces
- Wipe all surfaces
- Ensure that front of house areas are clean, tidy and presentable to the public at all times
- Ensure that keys are left in the building in the specified place
- Ensure that the Building & Facilities Manager is informed of any cleaning products / sanitary stock that requires restocking
- Participate in training opportunities as required
- Participate in team meetings as required
- Work with the Building & Facilities Manager to ensure that appropriate training is provided for all Domestic Assistant staff
- Any other tasks as may reasonably be required

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## Experience

• Previous cleaning experience

## Knowledge

• Basic knowledge of Health and Safety and COSHH regulations (desirable)

## **Personal Attributes**

- Good communication skills
- Able to carry out instructions accurately

- Flexible and reliable attitude to working arrangements
- Ability to work alone as well as part of a team
- Adaptable, friendly, polite and courteous
- Physically fit to undertake the role

## **INFORMATION**

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**Contract type:** Part time, fixed term contract to 31st August 2022

Salary: £10.15 per hour

**Hours of Work:** Minimum 15 hours per week Monday -Friday, with some Saturdays up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. From January 2022, 18 hours per week Monday – Saturday

Holidays: 30 days per annum including bank holidays, pro rata

**Pension:** Up to 5% matched pension contribution after qualifying period.

**Other benefits:** Season ticket loans, Cycle to Work Scheme, complimentary theatre tickets, staff catering discounts.

Probation Period: 3 months.

Notice Period: 8 weeks (after probation period).

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