



## Work Experience

### About Sadler's Wells

Sadler's Wells is a world-leading arts organisation, dedicated to presenting, producing and touring dance made today in all its forms. Sadler's Wells commissions, presents and produces more dance than any other theatre in the world – from tango to hip hop, ballet to flamenco, Bollywood to cutting-edge contemporary dance. With an innovative, year-round programme of performances and learning activities, this is the place where artists come together to create dance, and where we welcome everyone to experience dance and be inspired.

Dance has the ability to connect with people both intellectually and emotionally and Sadler's Wells' vision is that dance is part of everyone's life. We want to make sure that dance continues to have something new to say but also that it continues to stimulate the way we think about the world around us.

Over half a million people come to our theatres in London each year, with many more enjoying our touring productions at partner venues across the UK and in cities around the world. Sadler's Wells Theatre has been located in Islington since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Our modern day theatre comprises a main auditorium (1,500 seats); the Lilian Baylis Studio (180 seats); three rehearsals studios; bars, a café, facilities for private and corporate entertaining and offices for Sadler's Wells' staff.

Our second theatre building and West End home, the Peacock (1,000 seats), is subject to a unique agreement whereby Sadler's Wells and the London School of Economics jointly manage it, with the LSE presenting its lectures to students during the day and Sadler's Wells presenting theatre at night.

### Future Plans

Plans are underway for the development of a fourth venue in east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Sadler's Wells' new space will be located on the Stratford Waterfront site, opposite the London Aquatics Centre, alongside UAL's London College of Fashion and the V&A Museum. The site will form part of a new cultural and education district, which will also include a major new University College London (UCL) campus and have direct links to the creative communities already based in east London. Sadler's Wells' new space will house a 550-seat mid-scale theatre, as well as facilities for a choreographic centre and a hip hop academy. A major fundraising campaign is being developed in order to realise both capital and revenue requirements and open the new theatre in 2022.

## **What kind of activities are involved?**

During your work experience week at Sadler's Wells you will have the opportunity to shadow office based tasks and support a variety of Sadler's Wells' departments. Activities include shadowing an Usher for a performance, greeting visitors with our Stage Door team or looking for media coverage with our Press team.

## **What dates are available?**

Our summer work experience programme runs in June and July.

Please include the dates of your school's work experience period in your application and we will do our best to accommodate.

## **I want to be a dancer, can I do work experience with Sadler's Wells?**

Sadler's Wells does not generally employ dancers; Activities such as auditions and rehearsals are the work of Visiting Companies. If you would like work experience in creating dance works, you may wish to consider a placement with a dance teacher or choreographer, at a dance school or with a dance company.

## **What can I expect?**

Work experience at Sadler's Wells is usually Monday to Friday, 10am – 4pm (including a one hour lunch break).

During this time you will get:

- An introduction to the roles within a theatre venue.
- Advice and guidance on careers in the creative and cultural sector.
- Support from a designated manager with whom you can discuss your work experience.

## **What are Sadler's Wells looking for?**

- Open-mindedness
- A willingness to engage
- Curiosity
- Enthusiasm
- Professionalism

## **Top Tips:**

- Have a look at the Sadler's Wells website before you start, there is plenty of information in the About Us section on the theatre and what we do. Don't forget about our videos!
- Let us know why you would like to be here. Give us specific examples wherever possible, on how you have the attributes mentioned above. This might include projects at school, activities in your spare time or personal experiences.
- Check through your writing for mistakes or typos.

## How to apply

We are committed to creating inclusive opportunities, therefore we ask all individuals to follow the same process. Please complete the online application, answering the questions as best you can and in your own words.

**Please submit the online application by 11.59pm on Sunday 11 February 2018.**

Please note: We receive a lot of enquiries for work experience and unfortunately we are not able to accommodate all requests. We will contact you to let you know if your application has been successful.

## Useful Information

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## Other resources

For further opportunities in the dance or the creative and cultural sector please visit:

London Dance – <http://londondance.com/>

Creative and Cultural Skills: Creative Choices – <http://ccskills.org.uk/>