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**Chef De Partie**



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# Welcome

*Thank you for your interest in joining Sadler's Wells. We hope that it will be a great opportunity for you in your own career.*

Sadler's Wells holds fast today to the vision that Lilian Baylis instilled here almost a century ago: that great art should belong to everybody. Our mission is to make and create dance that inspires us all, and our vision is to create, through dance, a depth of connection beyond borders, cultures and languages, so we see ourselves in each other.

When artists and audiences talk about Sadler's Wells, they use the words: 'innovative, exciting and risk-taking'. Trying new things is part of our core purpose, and it's more important today than it has ever been.

This is an exciting and complex time in the theatre's history as we recover from the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on our business model and work towards opening a fourth venue in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London in 2023.

The Chef De Partie role offers you the opportunity to bring your ideas, passion, knowledge and experience to Sadler's Wells. In return, the successful candidate will be part of a strong and supportive team in a world class arts organisation.



## Background Information

Sadler's Wells is a world-leading creative 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.

Our aim is to reflect and respond to the world through dance: enabling artists of all backgrounds to create dance that moves us and opens our minds; sharing those experiences with the widest possible audiences to enrich their lives and deepen their understanding of what it means to be human.

In normal times, 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 17th century. Our modern day theatre comprises a main auditorium (1,500 seats); the Lilian Baylis Studio (180 seats); three rehearsal studios; bars, a café, facilities for private and corporate entertaining and offices for Sadler's Wells' colleagues.

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 theatre academy, all planned to open by the end of 2023.

## The Department

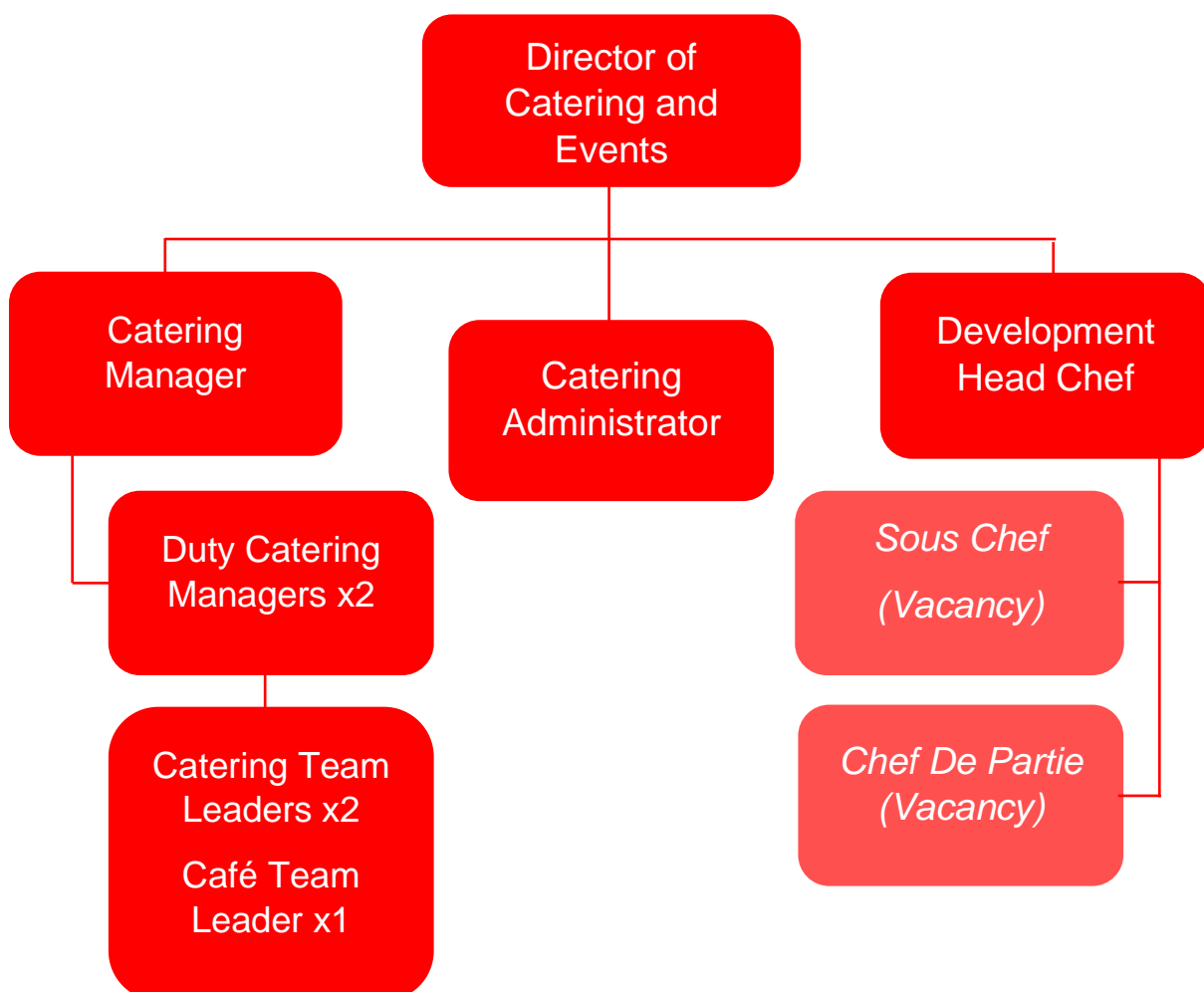
The Catering and Events Department is responsible for external hire of the venue and delivering all food and drink service throughout Sadler's Wells and The Peacock, focusing on the customer journey, trying to create memorable experience for our patrons and clients.

### The Role

The Chef De Partie will assist in the smooth running of the kitchen in order to offer an excellent service to our patrons and guests with focus on the café business.

This role reports into the Development Head Chef, and to the Sous Chef in their absence.

### The Catering team:





# What are my responsibilities?

## Catering and Events

- Primary responsibility is to take an active part in the day to day running of the Fox Garden Court Café, focusing on lunch and dinner food offer, in terms of preparation, cooking and service
- Assist in reviewing the café offer seasonally and take a part in designing daily menus
- Ensure readiness for service and prep is set for peak trade
- Assist with events operations as instructed by either the Development Head Chef/Sous Chef, including preparation and service
- Maximise income and minimise expenditure without loss of quality in all areas of responsibility
- Ensure the Company Health and Safety and Food Safety Policy are adhered to at all times
- Ensure storage of the food meets company and statutory Health and Safety requirements

- Ensure that all catering equipment is maintained for usage and report any faulty equipment or breakages to the Development Head Chef/Sous Chef

## General

- Attend occasional staff meetings, training sessions and other events which may take place outside normal working hours, whilst maintaining a strong line of communication with your line manager
- Undertake other duties as may be reasonably required
- Maintain a friendly and cordial working relationship with all colleagues
- At all times to carry out duties and responsibilities with regard to Sadler's Wells' Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Safety Policies. This may include providing assistance with evacuation procedures or building searches in the event of an emergency at any of Sadler's Wells' premise

*THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IS A GUIDE TO THE NATURE OF THE WORK REQUIRED OF THIS POSITION. IT IS NEITHER WHOLLY COMPREHENSIVE NOR RESTRICTIVE AND DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.*

## Who should apply?

The successful applicant will demonstrate the following skills, experience, and personal qualities:

### Skills and Experience

- Previous experience of working in a busy café/eatery, preparing, and delivering food to a high standard at CDP level
- Previous experience of working on daily menus around seasons
- An ability to work to high standards under pressure
- Good palate and a passion for food
- A good team player
- A solid understanding of Health & Safety and Food Safety
- Levelheaded/sensible, trustworthy and reliable
- Excellent attention to detail
- Pro-active in problem solving, with a 'can do' attitude

### Additional, but not essential

- Some previous experience in working within events
- Previous venue or contract caterer experience



## Why work for us?

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- You will be offered a salary of circa £24,000 per annum, dependent on experience. This will be based on working 48 hours over any 5 days per week, plus an additional one hour paid meal break each day
- You will get 25 days annual leave, with an additional three days after five years' service
- You will be enrolled into the Sadler's Wells Trust Ltd. pension scheme
- You will have access to our comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) to support your wellbeing
- You will engage in learning and project opportunities to develop personally and professionally, and support your career journey
- You can access an interest-free Season Ticket Loan and a Cycle to Work salary sacrifice scheme
- You will be eligible for a death in service insurance policy covering twice your annual salary
- You will be encouraged to attend performances at both theatres with a discretionary allocation of tickets to employees (subject to availability), and a staff discount at the Garden Court Café
- We welcome everyone through our doors and encourage and enable people to be the best versions of themselves and to feel confident and capable in their roles
- We celebrate diversity in the dance we share and showcase, and in our workplace. We are working hard to be more inclusive and increasing access both on stage and off and have a number of anti-racism commitments to make lasting changes in the way we work

## Making an application

A Job Description and Person Specification are included in this document. If after reading you are still interested in applying, please find further details and information on how to apply [here](#).

We aim at all times to recruit the person who is most suited for the job. We welcome applications from people from all backgrounds who feel they align with our mission, vision and values. We are international and multicultural on our stages, and we want to reflect that in our organisation. By celebrating difference and incorporating diverse points of view and experiences, we can become closer to our artists, audiences and the communities we serve.

We are proud to be a Disability Confident employer meaning we have been certified by the government as actively taking steps to attract, recruit and retain disabled workers. We understand that some disabled colleagues will need adjustments to help them perform to the best of their ability – these can be changes to the built environment and furniture, the tools and technology they use in doing their job, aspects of the role, ongoing support or working arrangements.

Sadler's Wells also works collaboratively with Parents in Performing Arts (PiPA) in efforts to support parents and carers within the industry.

**We will be inviting candidates to interview as and when suitable applications are submitted. Once we have found a suitable candidate, the vacancy will be closed without further notice.**

