



Job Description

Job Title:	Casual Stage Crew
Department:	Virgers
Reports to:	Custos (Head Virger)
Role Requirement:	C of E Safeguarding Training Basic & Foundation

Background:

Winchester Cathedral has been at the heart of a vibrant community for nearly 1000 years. Today, the Cathedral welcomes more than 300,000 visitors and pilgrims each year. They come to share in our daily worship and hear our world-class choir, to enjoy the wonderful setting, stunning architecture, priceless treasures and to attend our extensive programme of events.

Winchester Cathedral is called to renew, inspire and unite people in faith, hope and love. We live by our values of Openness, Excellence and Kindness in all that we do.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

The Virgers Department comprises of Custos (Head Virger), Deputy Head Virger, both full and part-time Virgers and Caretaker

The Stage Crew duties fall into four main areas:

- The Erecting and Dismantling of the Choral Staging (usually put up in the evenings and taken down after concerts).
- Assisting the Virger's Department in manning concerts and events (for fire and evacuation purposes).
- Manning green rooms and tidying those areas up after events.
- Assisting the Virger's Department in moving furniture for special services and events.

The Cathedral Stage Crew, working as part of the Virger's team, play a vital part in ensuring the proper functioning of the Cathedral as a place of worship and in its many other roles and activities.

Principle Duties:

- To help prepare the Cathedral for all events that take place, e.g. concerts, plays and exhibitions, moving furniture and erecting/dismantling staging, and to restore everything to normal afterwards – manual handling training will be given and personal protective equipment issued.
- To be available in the Cathedral, as required, for evening concerts, conferences and services outside normal working hours.
- To be available when required to staff 'Green Rooms' with a responsibility to maintain security of the auxiliary buildings and peoples' possessions during events. Ensuring the areas are clean and tidy after use.
- To be familiar with The Chapter's Safety Policy and to implement it.
- To know the positions and operation of all firefighting apparatus and what to do in an emergency
- To be familiar with the evacuation procedures laid down by the Chapter
- To receive appropriate training in Manual Handling
- To ensure that the conditions of work and areas accessible to staff and the public are kept in safe order and condition and report any hazards to Custos
- To assist in the maintenance of good public relations particularly with visitors
- To treat visitors and voluntary helpers in a friendly, tactful and helpful manner.
- To be mindful and respectful to those who enter the Cathedral for silent prayer or worship.
- Any other tasks that may be necessary to ensure the successful operation of the department

PERSON SPECIFICATION	Essential	Desirable
Experience/Knowledge and skills		
<p>Experience in a similar role would be an advantage, but training will be given.</p> <p>Empathy for the vision, mission and values of the Cathedral</p> <p>Commitment towards Safeguarding, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p>	<p>D</p>