



Artist & Coordinator: Seaside activity pack

Fee:	£1,500
Hours:	Flexible, able to work alongside other commitments, June-August 2022 Workshops take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Contract type:	Freelance
Location:	Working from own base
Reporting to:	Artistic Director
Start Date:	Wednesday 1st June 2022.

Summary of role

Responsible for leading the creation workshops with parents and babies, fabrication and distribution of an Early Years activity pack inspired by the seaside via our food bank partners.

Role Overview

We are seeking a motivated and organised individual who is passionate about inspiring creativity in babies and supporting new parents. In this role you will co-run workshops for parents and babies in our regular weekly workshop sessions in St Leonards and Brighton alongside our regular workshop leaders, taking the groups out to the beach and working with them to create a set of activity ideas to be attractively laid out on a small set of cards.

You can bring your own artistic practice to the workshops to inspire parents, and guide them to create an appropriate, accessible and fun activity pack.

We are particularly interested in hearing from candidates local to Hastings, East Sussex or the surrounding area, with lived experience of accessing food banks and related support whilst a new parent, or someone who regularly works with families in that position.

The role requires independent time management, creative thinking, collaboration, confidence and a sharp eye for detail.

About Spun Glass Theatre

Spun Glass Theatre is an award winning theatre production company based in Hastings, East Sussex. We create bold, visual theatre productions which delight, transport & challenge our audiences with a strong co-creation methodology for all projects & a love of popular performance forms. We devise original productions based on classic texts & collaborate directly with communities to bring creativity out of traditional arts spaces.

In 2019 we premiered *This Noisy Isle* in association with The Place Bedford, reviving it for a regional tour of South East venues in 2021. This family event based on *The Tempest* was an exciting interactive journey for family audiences, as if they had arrived on England's shores as refugees and needed to navigate a magical Shakespearean world to finally find a home.

We also distributed an accompanying digital version of *This Noisy Isle* created for Living Record Festival 2021, initially 100 packs via the Holbeck food bank, and then to 2,460 families served by 15 different food-banks across Central London (Southwark, Paddington), Greater London (Brent, Kingston), Croydon, Brighton and Hastings. Food bank partners sent back very positive feedback and requests for further packs.

Our First parent and baby groups run weekly - one in St Leonards-on-Sea and two in Brighton, providing a creative, playful and supportive space for new parents to come together. Our workshop leaders run entertaining, sensory sessions which create opportunities for parents and babies to be creative together, as well as share experiences and seek out support. The groups run on a combination of paid places (£8

a week) and funded free places for parents on Universal Credit, single parents and those aged under 25.

We are running a short one off project with the parents and babies who regularly attend our First sessions. The aim is to co-create an activity pack with our participants across three different locations in St Leonards and Brighton. You will run creative sessions both in our workshop locations and on the beach, ensuring that the parents and babies enjoy an exciting session, whilst challenging them to create an activity pack. The pack will be a set of small cards inspired by the seaside, using everyday household items to inspire parents and babies to be creative together. The activities need to not contain any online elements as many households do not have access to the internet.

We are seeking a Lead Artist and Coordinator to bring their own talents and flair to the project, running nine workshops in total across three groups to bring the parents and babies on this creative journey with you. The Artist and Coordinator will also ensure that the creation of the pack is well managed - communicating with printers, couriers and food bank partners.

Project Dates

21st & 22nd June

Food bank project week one - Southwater & Old Boat

28th & 29th June

Food bank project week two - Southwater & Old Boat

Food bank project week one - WRAP

5th & 6th July

Food bank project week three - Southwater & Old Boat

Food bank project week two - WRAP

12th & 13th July

Food bank project week three - WRAP

14th-20th July

Finalising designs

21st-31st July

Printing and distribution to food banks

We are moving away from relying on remote working technologies after the past two years, however this role will involve some self-motivated working practices as well as creative team meetings and in person workshop delivery. You will need to collaborate with our regular weekly workshop teams and communicate with them ahead of the sessions.

As a company we strive to reflect the audiences we create work for, which is why it is important to us to hear from candidates who have lived experience of accessing food banks/work regularly with those who do. We have also set up home in Hastings so whilst it is not essential for candidates to be based in the town, we will hold team meetings here and local knowledge is important to us when making work.

We are an ambitious and creative company at a time of growth and as such are seeking an experienced candidate who is confident in delivering this short project to an excellent standard - we do not currently have the capacity and time for this to be a development opportunity - although we do welcome you to get in touch in case a future role may be more suitable.

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Key Areas of Responsibility

- Leading on the conceptualization and delivery of the activity pack workshops, co-created with parents and babies
- Planning and delivering workshops in collaboration with regular workshop leaders
- Organising logistics for visiting the beach
- Communicating with the creative team and workshop leaders
- Finalising designs
- Communicating with food bank partners
- Forging new partnerships if appropriate
- Organising the distribution of the packs to the food banks

Person Specification

The Candidate will be an artist, workshop leader or community worker with a strong background in working with organisations in the arts or charity sector.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

Essential:

- At least 3 years experience facilitating arts and/or community workshops
- Ability to manage workload independently and share findings using remote technology
- Experience managing projects and delivering on agreed outcomes
- Enhanced DBS check

Desirable:

- Graphic design or fine art/craft skills
- High level of enthusiasm for theatre sector

Personal Attributes

- Ability to balance multiple priorities
- Clear communicator
- Excellent command of written and spoken language
- Team player and good at working with a small, enthusiastic team
- Excellent organisational skills and a problem-solver

How to Apply

Please email Artistic Director Jessica Cheetham on recruitment@spunglasstheatre.com with your CV and a short explanation of why you would be suited to the role. We will reply to everyone who gets in touch - please bear with us.

Interview Date:

Monday 23rd May 2022 - in person in St Leonards-on-Sea
Deadline for applications Friday 20th May 5pm

Start Date:

The ideal candidate will have the capacity to start work on Wednesday 1st June 2022.