

The Community of Hungerford Theatre Company

Job Description

Musical Director

Responsible to the Director for all musical aspects of the production

1. Take part in discussions to choose the production. Investigate musical implications of choices and advise as appropriate.
2. Prepare and submit for committee approval a budget for musical expenses.
3. Monitor and report on spending against musical budget and flag any issues or changes.
4. Set musical audition pieces for the show.
5. Attend auditions and advise Director on casting.
6. Review score and identify role of each piece of music. Agree cuts and musical changes with the Director.
7. Take music rehearsals with chorus/company as agreed with Director. Liaise with the director on musical matters arising out of stage direction.
8. .Provide backing music for rehearsals (CD or pianist).
9. Work with Rehearsal Pianist to ensure cast reach an acceptable standard of singing throughout the production.
10. Attend rehearsals as necessary to ensure understanding of musical issues.
11. Conduct company during rehearsals.
12. Rehearse Principals in their musical numbers.
13. Provide or identify CD's of the show for cast and band as needed.
14. Liaise with Choreographer on dances agreeing tempos.
15. Obtain orchestral parts. Arrange orchestrations to fit band instrumentation and any required cuts or changes or organise arrangements of orchestrations as required.
16. Decide on the make-up of the orchestra and recruit players.
17. Schedule orchestra rehearsals and find venues.
18. Rehearse orchestra.
19. Agree performance space and layout for orchestra and specify equipment / facility requirements (e.g. music stands / lights).
20. Conduct Orchestra for the Dress Rehearsals & Performances.