

## Stage Manager



### What is it?

The Stage Manager (SM) ensures the smooth running & is responsible for all aspects of a show once the performance run starts, taking over from the Director after the last rehearsal.

### Where do you start?

Speak to the Shaftesbury Arts Centre Stage Manager (CSM) to express your interest & so he can assess whether your experience means you should join a show as a member of the back stage crew, as an Assistant SM (useful even if experienced to see how we do things) or an SM (supported by an experienced SM).

If you don't want to be the Stage manager, you could consider being backstage and helping with the set changes during a show.

### What do you need to know?

Nothing! Although, it is useful to have some understanding of the different aspects of a show.

### What skills would help?

- Good organisation, planning & logistical skills.
- Experience of any aspect of theatre.

### What help will I get?

Support from the CSM &/or an experienced SM

### Most challenging part?

Ensuring the show runs smoothly, especially dealing with nervous cast & crew (which manifests itself in different ways).

### Most enjoyable part?

The show running smoothly!

The back stage crew getting a complicated scene change finished in time!

### Why do it?

Challenge of keeping the different aspects of a show running smoothly & knowing the audience have enjoyed it.