

National Theatre

Press Release

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Applications now open for National Theatre Young Technicians 2018



Applications are now open for National Theatre Young Technicians, a free programme offering an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their skills and learn about a variety of backstage and off-stage roles from top industry professionals.

The programme is open to 14-18-year-olds and participants will have the opportunity to take part in technical theatre workshops from a range of departments including lighting, sound, video and automation.

The programme will run for 10 Wednesday evening sessions between October and December 2018 and will introduce the group to the basics of technical theatre including lighting, sound and video. All participants will then be given the option to continue into term two (January–March) where they can develop their skills further. In the Easter and Summer holidays, participants will then have the opportunity to shadow NT professionals and provide technical support to the National Theatre youth programme.

A participant from last year's programme said: "This programme is the most interesting and exciting thing I have ever taken part in. I have learned so much, met so many amazing people, and made friends for life. Everyone who helped out was so friendly and helpful, and every week was different and there was always so much to look forward to."

Applications are open until 7 September 2018. To apply, visit the NT website:
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/content/young-technicians-2018>

The National Theatre is an equal opportunities organisation, committed to diversity. We actively encourage applications from young BAME candidates and young women as we recognise these groups are currently under-represented in the field of technical theatre.

Workshop Dates:

Wednesday evenings 5-8pm

Term 1:

3, 10, 17, 31 October

7, 4, 14, 21, 28 November

5, 12 December

Term 2:

16, 23, 30 January

6, 20, 27 February

6, 13, 20, 27 March

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For images, [click here](#).

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Notes to Editors

The National Theatre

At the National Theatre, we make world-class theatre that is entertaining, challenging and inspiring, and we make it for everyone. In 2016-2017, the NT staged 26 productions and gave 2,585 performances at our home on the South Bank. The NT's award-winning programme had a UK paying audience of 1.8 million, 400,000 of which were NT Live audiences.

The work the National Theatre produces appeals to the widest possible audiences with new plays, musicals, re-imagined classics and new work for young audiences. The NT's work is seen in the West End, on tour throughout the UK and internationally, and in collaborations and co-productions with partners across the country. Through NT Live, we broadcast some of the best of British theatre to over 2,000 venues in 60 countries around the world.

Our extensive Learning programme offers talks, events and workshops for people of all ages, and reaches nationwide through programmes such as Connections, our annual festival of new plays for schools and youth theatres. In 2016-2017 there were 196,826 participations through the NT Learning events programme. Over 3,000 schools have signed up to the free streaming service, *On Demand. In Schools*, since its launch in September 2015.

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