

Job Description and Person Specification

Job Title: Company Dancer

Location: Manchester (with travel regionally, nationally and internationally)

Type of Contract: Initially Fixed term 12-month contract

Hours: Up to 40 hours per week

Salary: Negotiable dependent upon experience

Holidays: 25 days per annum plus bank holidays

Responsible to: Co-Artistic Directors

Opportunity to join the Chameleon team

Company Chameleon is offering the exciting opportunity for an experienced male dancer to join our core artistic team in 2020, in a full-time salaried position with the Company. The successful applicant will be required to re-locate to Manchester (if not already residing in the city).

Applicants should have received training from a recognised school or conservatoire; we are looking for an experienced dance theatre artist with excellent contemporary technique and contact improvisational / partnering skills.

Candidates must have at least two years' experience working in a professional touring dance company. Extensive performance experience, familiarity and openness to different choreographic approaches and proficient teaching skills are all essential - this post will cover three main areas of responsibility:

- Rehearse and perform in Company repertoire (indoor venues / outdoor festivals)
- Assist Artistic Directors in choreographic/creative development of residencies/projects
- Actively engage in the delivery of learning and participation programmes

Whilst the role will primarily be working in the Company's home base of Manchester, the successful candidate will also be expected to tour nationally and internationally throughout the year – locations will vary depending on the Company's touring schedule and projects taking place at that time.

Company Chameleon particularly welcomes applications from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Dancers.

About Company Chameleon

We make original, inspiring dance theatre in Manchester, and perform across the UK and the world.

Company Chameleon started when Anthony Missen and Kevin Edward Turner met at Trafford Youth Dance Theatre in the mid-1990s. Two ordinary lads from Manchester, they shared an ambition to dance professionally. After developing their talent at Trafford, they went on to train with the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and after graduating travelled and worked with some of the world's most innovative dance companies and choreographers.

They came home in 2007 with the aim of setting up their own dance company – and Company Chameleon was born. Today, Company Chameleon tours internationally, staging over 50 indoor and outdoor performances every year.

A dynamic participation programme sits alongside our performance work, which features a wide a range of dance classes and workshops. Over the years, the programme has enabled us to introduce thousands of young people, from countries all over the world, to a different side of dance and movement.

In 2019, Company Chameleon welcomed Dame Darcey Bussell on board as the Company's first-ever Patron.

Find out more about us at companychameleon.com

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Working closely with the Co-Artistic Directors, the Company Dancer's role will include the following responsibilities:

- Attend Company rehearsals for revival of repertoire, creation of new productions and planning of projects.
- Teach Company class at the beginning of rehearsals (local professional dance artists are invited to attend).
- Perform in Company productions throughout the year, across both small-mid scale indoor theatre venues and outdoor street theatre/arts festivals.
- Participate in all relevant marketing and PR campaigns (photo-shoots, interviews, blogs etc.).
- Assist in the choreographic and creative development of residencies and projects.
- Plan and teach workshops, including wraparound on tour.
- Travel regionally, nationally and internationally for tour dates, projects and education delivery.
- Maintain high levels of fitness and continue to develop dance training with the support of Co-Artistic Directors.

- Work closely with other members of the team to support all Company projects, attending regular meetings and communicating efficiently with colleagues.
- Flexible approach to hours is required, e.g. weekend /evening work will be expected.
- At all times act as a professional and positive advocate of the Company.

Person Specification

Essential

1. Excellent contemporary technique and contact improvisational/partnering skills.
2. Minimum two years' experience working in a professional touring dance company.
3. Extensive performance experience and understanding of expectations on-the-road.
4. Familiarity and openness to different choreographic approaches.
5. Proficient teaching skills for a wide range of education work for young people through to professional artists, delivered in a wide range of settings including primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and community organisations.
6. Excel in working as part of a team.
7. Good communication skills, to act as a positive advocate for the Company.
8. Able to work independently, managing admin (e.g. emails) and schedule efficiently.
9. Reliable, with good time management skills.
10. Passionate about the work Company Chameleon delivers.

Desirable

1. Received training at a recognised school or conservatoire.
2. Understanding of working as part of a small core team.
3. Travelled internationally previously.
4. Aspiration to develop a longer-term working relationship with Company.

Please send completed applications by email to info@companychameleon.com by 5pm on Friday 7th Feb 2020.