

NEW CHAMELEON WANTED!

Dance & Health Artist

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join one of the UK's leading independent dance companies at an important time in the company's development as we move forward into a new funding period.

As Company Chameleon's work continues to grow with a focus on developing opportunities through dance in Greater Manchester, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, energetic, and creative Dance & Health Artist to support the delivery of the company's growing engagement programme.

This brand-new role within the organisation will contribute to the effective and successful delivery of the company's learning and participation programme, leading the facilitation of workshops and projects at our studio and across the region.

The Dance & Health Artist will also support the development of our health and wellbeing offer, exploring dance and movement as a creative outlet to positively impact mental health and wellbeing. The Dance & Health Artist will deliver a broad range of bespoke projects in a range of settings including secure units, prisons, hospitals, community organisations and schools.

The successful candidate will be artistically ambitious, have proven experience of delivering high quality dance experiences, good project coordination skills, a strong communicator and team player with the ability to work well under pressure within a fast paced and growing organisation.

Company Chameleon believe that diversity strengthens and enriches us, and that it is our responsibility to make the arts and cultural sector a more diverse and equal place. We are committed to building a culturally diverse workforce and therefore strongly encourage applicants from different backgrounds to apply and welcome applications from all people who are underrepresented in our sector.

Please note this position involves working with children and young people, therefore the appointment will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check.

To Apply:

To apply for this position, please send your completed application form, marked **Dance & Health Artist – Private & Confidential** in the email subject heading to info@companychameleon.com

Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 24th February 2023

Interviews: Week commencing 6th March 2023

Location: Manchester / Online

Please note shortlisted candidates may be invited to carry out a short teaching observation, date to be confirmed.

For further information about Company Chameleon, please explore our website: <http://www.companychameleon.com/>

If you have any questions about this position, please contact:
info@companychameleon.com / 0161 223 6280

DANCE & HEALTH ARTIST

Contract: 3 years with the possibility to extend

Location: Manchester, UK

Salary: £21,000 (pro-rata £12,600)

Holidays: 25 days per annum plus bank holidays (pro-rata 15 days)

Hours: 3 days per week

Responsible to: Learning & Participation Manager

Job Purpose

The Dance & Health Artist will develop and deliver a broad programme of accessible classes, workshops, and projects across a range of settings to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in dance and culture.

The Dance & Health Artist will contribute to the successful delivery of our expanding studio programme, leading high quality dance experiences, representative of the company's accessible movement style and creative approach for a wide range of people.

The Dance & Health Artist will work across the local community, delivering outreach activity and developing new relationships and partnerships to ensure our home programme responds to the needs and interests of local people.

The Dance & Health Artist will be a passionate advocate for the transformative power of dance and understand how movement can be used as a creative outlet to positively impact mental health and wellbeing.

The Dance & Health Artist will take an active role in the development of our health and wellbeing offer in schools and will act as a lead facilitator on our upcoming Movement for Mind project across Greater Manchester funded by The Baring Foundation.

Key Responsibilities

- To lead on the practical delivery of the company's studio programme, workshop activity and dance, health, and wellbeing offer.
- To contribute to an ongoing programme of outreach activity in the local community which regularly promotes and feeds the opportunities within the studio programme.
- To develop partnerships and relationships with arts organisations, schools, and community groups to ensure the new programme reaches a wide audience.
- To ensure all activity is inclusive and accessible and to show experience and willingness to work with a variety of people, including those with additional mental health and behavioural needs.
- To plan time effectively between delivery and office-based work.
- To be an advocate for Company Chameleon and a positive and inspiring role model when working with young people.
- To adhere to the company's Health and Safety, Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies.
- To obtain further training and professional development, maintaining a working knowledge of dance education, practice, and policy.
- To support the Learning & Participation Manager and Access & Development Producer contributing to the smooth running of the overall programme.
- Regularly review and ensure best practice is always in place when working with young people and / or vulnerable adults.
- To ensure thorough and effective evaluation of classes, workshops, events, and projects and ensure feedback is incorporated in future planning.
- To represent Company Chameleon at national networks, relevant conferences and events and be an advocate for this programme of work regionally, nationally, and internationally.
- To attend Company Chameleon performances and events.
- To work collaboratively and supportively with all members of the team.
- To work evenings and weekends as appropriate.

Person Specification

Essential

- Educated to degree level or equivalent.
- An up-to-date knowledge of the UK dance sector.
- Experience of devising and delivering successful youth dance, educational and community dance initiatives.
- Experience of working with dance professionals, young people, and vulnerable adults within an arts environment.
- Excellent delivery skills. Confident and adaptable to teach workshops in a variety of settings for a wide range of people.

- Passionate and committed to delivering high-quality dance experiences.
- Good behaviour management skills and experience of working with young people from a variety of backgrounds.
- A solid up to date training in safeguarding procedures and safe dance practice as related to working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Good IT knowledge including Word, Excel and experience of using CRM systems.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, for a variety of audiences.
- Strong organisational and time management skills with clear attention to detail.
- A commitment to the principles of equal opportunities and diversity and the application of these throughout all activities.
- Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a small, busy team.
- Ability to work efficiently and effectively under pressure to meet deadlines.
- A flexible, collaborative, and conscientious approach to work.
- Positive, friendly, and professional attitude.
- A willingness to be flexible with working hours which will include some evening and weekend work.

Desirable

- A minimum of 2 years' experience of delivering dance workshops or education programmes within an arts environment.
- Experience of preparing and presenting reports.
- Experience of coordinating volunteers and placement students.
- Creative approach to work and problem solving.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to relate to a wide range of people.
- Strong interest in contemporary dance.
- Knowledge of dance sector in Manchester and Greater Manchester.
- Full UK driving licence and access to a car.
- Arts Award Advisor Training
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Enhanced DBS check and Chaperone License.

About Company Chameleon

Based in Manchester, Company Chameleon is a touring dance theatre company, which produces inspiring and original productions that tour across the UK and the world. Company Chameleon began 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 for a living. After developing their talent at Trafford, they went on to train at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and after graduating travelled extensively to work with some of the most innovative dance companies and choreographers in the world. They returned home to Manchester in 2007, to achieve their goal of setting up their own dance company in their home city, and Company Chameleon was born. Today, Company Chameleon tour internationally to wide acclaim and perform over fifty indoor and outdoor performances a year. In 2019, Company Chameleon welcomed Dame Darcey Bussell on board as the Company's first-ever Patron.

Learning & Participation

Learning and participation is an integral part of the Company's approach. Everywhere the Company performs, they lead a dance class or workshop. As a result, Chameleon has introduced thousands of people, from countries all over the world, to a different side of dance and movement. From beginners' creative sessions in schools through to professional level company classes at their studio, Company Chameleon remains committed to delivering inspiring and impactful opportunities all year round.

The Company's learning and participation aims mirror those of the professional work: to attract, nurture and develop talent. The Company have developed a strategic approach to their learning and participation offer, to enable anyone no matter what their previous engagement in dance, to interact with the company and access high quality dance experiences.

Professional Development

As part of Company Chameleon's continued commitment to support the next generation of dance artists and professionals residing in the region, Chameleon offers a variety of training and development opportunities with the company. In 2018 Company Chameleon, established its Associate Artist programme, supporting the artistic development of selected emerging artists based in Greater Manchester.

Education

Company Chameleon have developed a formidable reputation for delivering transformative education work. Working across all key stages, in addition to further, higher and vocational educational settings, the Company's

outstanding education work is delivered with a central aim of providing an engaging, instructive and enjoyable experience for all. Packages are delivered both within and outside of the curriculum, as one-off workshops, longer-term residencies or as part of an after-school programme. The Company offers Teacher CPD and INSET opportunities along with student placements with the company. Company Chameleon also offers education partnerships, providing schools, colleges and universities year-round engagement with the company.

Touring Workshops

Company Chameleon lead workshops and intensives in tandem with the national and international touring programme. Workshops provide participants with a unique insight into the Company's work. Sessions are closely linked to the current repertory, offering participants the chance to learn original movement vocabulary from the production, along with the opportunity to explore some of the choreographic processes used in the production's creation.

Projects

From dancing in prisons and libraries to exploring mental health through creative movement in schools, Company Chameleon deliver a broad range of bespoke projects all driven by our belief in the transformative power of dance.

Studio Classes

Based at home studio in East Manchester, the Company offers a variety of classes, workshops, holiday clubs and intensives. From the Saturday Sessions – our fun, physical and interactive programme of dance classes for young people, age 4-16 to our Pro and Company Classes for professionals in the region, our growing studio programme of accessible classes offers something for everyone to get involved in!

Chameleon Youth

Based in Central Manchester and launched in 2016 by Company Chameleon, Chameleon Youth is the only youth dance company in Manchester that is part of a professional dance company. Youth company members are taught by professional dance artists and benefit directly from the knowledge and experience gained through worldwide professional touring and performance. Chameleon Youth is entry via audition and the annual programme offers its members the opportunity to train weekly with Company Chameleon's professional dance artists, create work collaboratively with guest choreographers, grow individuality as young dance artists and perform throughout the year at high profile theatres and outdoor festivals.