

YOUNG TECHNICIANS 2022-23 APPLICATION PACK

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Stratford East's Young Technicians course, a practical introductory course for 16-21-year-olds from East London. The course is designed for young people who are interested in developing their technical theatre skills and are curious about careers in backstage theatre.

The programme is FREE and will offer twelve young people the opportunity to develop practical skills in stage management, lighting, and sound with industry professionals.

Participants who completed the course last year went on to undertake work experience on our Young Company mainstage production *painkiller*, working in lighting, stage management and design.

We will prioritise applications from young people in East London that are currently underrepresented in the industry. The course aims to address the imbalance and underrepresentation of backstage professionals from Black, Asian, Global Majority and working-class backgrounds, as well as those who identify as female, non-binary, D/deaf or disabled, and those from areas of low arts engagement.

We hope this course will support the next generation of technicians, designers and programmers joining the industry.

If this sounds like you, then please read on to find out more. If there is anything that you're not sure of, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

getinvolved@stratfordeast.com.

You must [apply](#) by Monday 24th October 2022, 12pm. No experience necessary.

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ABOUT STRATFORD EAST

Stratford East is a producing theatre, built in 1884, in the heart of East London. Stratford East makes theatre both for, and inspired by, our community in Newham, East London. We continue the political and revolutionary ethos of our founder Joan Littlewood as a leading London theatre and civic hub for East London. We tell stories that are current, political and representative of London.

Alongside our work on stage, our Learning & Participation programme offers creative opportunities that are accessible and inclusive to all, with the aim to widen participation and develop creative talent for people of every age.

You can find out more about Stratford East [here](#).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Across the 12 weeks, participants will develop their knowledge and skills in technical theatre, through practical workshops, a trip to Stratford East's pantomime *Cinderella*, and visits to other theatres in London..

WHAT? Stratford East's Young Technicians Course

WHO? Young people aged 16-21

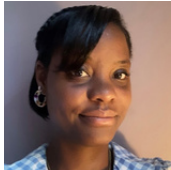
WHEN A 10-week course on Tuesday evenings, 6.30pm-8.30pm from November-February

WHERE? Stratford Youth Zone (formerly Stratford Circus), Theatre Square, London E15 1BX

HOW MUCH? FREE.

Course Facilitators & Artists:

We are thrilled to be working with Backstage Niche to deliver this year's programme. Constance Oak and Sylvia Darkwa-Ohemeng will be leading the course. Joining them are Lighting Designer Rajiv Pattani and Sound Designer & Composer Xana.



CONSTANCE OAK

Constance is a Freelance Stage Manager and Facilitator, and has worked for a number of major venues including The Royal Court, National Theatre and the Young Vic.



SYLVIA DARKWA-OHEMENG

Sylvia studied Stage Management at Rose Bruford where she is now a Board Governor, she is also a trustee of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain and Founder/Director of Backstage Niche.



XANA

Xana is a freestyle live loop musician, sound artist, vibrational sound designer, archival audio producer, audio researcher, spatial installation artist and theatremaker, who deconstructs words to make improvisational performances, manages music tech label Inventing Waves, develops accessible sound systems for spaces and is an sound arts facilitator.



RAJIV PATTANI

Rajiv graduated from LAMDA in 2014 with qualifications in Stage Management and Technical Theatre. Recent work includes: Hungry (Soho theatre & Painesplough Roundabout Edinburgh) Supernova (Theatre503 & Tour) Kabul Goes Pop! (Brixton House & Tour).

You will be invited to:

- Participate in practical workshops on:
 - Stage Management: roles/responsibilities of stage management team.
 - Lighting: overview of lighting roles/responsibilities, design, working with different types of lighting, learn to rig lights, programming on a lighting desk.
 - Sound: roles/responsibilities, design, learn to use sound software like Ableton and/or QLab.
- Meet and work with industry professionals in the workshops
- Watch professional theatre shows at Stratford East, including *Cinderella*, and at other London theatres.
- Upon completion of the course, you'll be invited to join us for work experience with our Production Team at Stratford East.



We hope you will gain the following from the programme:

- First-hand experience of basic technical theatre
- Transferable practical skills
- Increased confidence in basic theatre skills
- Learning and experience for your CV
- The opportunity to develop your professional networks with Course Leaders and your peers
- Inspiration to continue exploring theatre and the creative industries

Cost:

Young Technicians is FREE to participants. We do have financial assistance available to support with travel to/from Stratford Youth Zone (where the workshops will take place). We can support with up to £12 per day for travel to each workshop.

Please contact Maya at mpindar@stratfordeast.com if you have any questions about this.

Course Dates:

- Thursday 17 November 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 24 November 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 01 December 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 08 December 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 15 December 2022, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Friday 16 December 2022, 7pm-11pm - *Trip to see Stratford East's Cinderella*
- Thursday 12 January 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 19 January 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 26 January 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 02 February 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 09 February 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 16 February 2023, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- Saturday 18 February 2023, 10am-5pm - *Final session*

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

You do not need have any experience! We are seeking young people who:

- are aged 16-21-years-old
- live or study in Newham or East London
- are interested in technical or backstage theatre
- want to learn more about lighting, sound and stage management

We are also particularly keen to hear from young people who:

- identify as Black, Asian or from the Global Majority
- identify as d/Deaf or disabled or neurodiverse
- identify as female or non-binary
- are from a lower socio-economic background

ACCESSIBILITY

Workshops will all take place on the Main Stage at Stratford Youth Zone, Theatre Square, London, E15 1BX. The building has:

- Wheelchair access via the main entrance
- An open plan foyer with tables, chairs, sofas and games
- Level access from the foyer to the Main Stage
- Young person-only toilets on the ground floor, some with urinals and some with cubicles
- Young person-only disabled toilet on the ground floor

If you have any access needs, please let us know. We are very happy to discuss how we can support you to get the most out of the course, such as:

- Sending session plans in advance of workshops
- Scheduling longer or more regular breaks in sessions
- Providing materials in dyslexic-friendly fonts and/or on coloured paper
- Providing a support worker to assist you in attending sessions

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply for Young Technicians, please complete this online [application form](#).

If completing the online form isn't accessible for you, you can send us a video or a voice recording responding to the questions in the form to getinvolved@stratfordeast.com. Please ensure that your answers to the final section are a maximum of 3 minutes long.

The deadline for applications is Monday 24th October 2022, 12pm.

Please visit the website if you would like to view the full application form before completing it.

If you have any questions, please contact the Stratford East Learning & Participation Team at getinvovled@stratfordeast.com.

