



Deputy Head of Automation, The Greatest Showman UK

Job Title	Deputy Head of Automation	Department	Automation
Position Type	Fixed Term Contract, Jan 2026 – May 2026	Location	Bristol Hippodrome
Reports to	Head of Automation, Company Management, Production Management, General Management	Direct reports	N/A

Overview of the Business

Disney Theatrical Group is recruiting staff across all departments for the Bristol run of The Greatest Showman.

Overview of Role

This upcoming role is an opportunity for a keen and motivated individual to join the automation department on Disney's *The Greatest Showman* on a fixed-term basis.

Working with the Head of Automation and Assistants, the Deputy Head of Automation will help with the day to day of running a large-scale musical to maintain the excellence of the production.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Assist the Head of Automation, manage, supervise and schedule members of the Automation team.
- Operate the show automation for performances, replicating the show's design.
- Assist the Head of Automation, to ensure all automation equipment is maintained so it is in working order for each performance.
- Maintain the quality of the show as instructed and dictated by the artistic requirements and under the direction of the Head of Automation, Production Manager and Creative Team.
- Perform daily setup, oversee automation rig checks and provide clear communication within the automation team.
- Report and feedback show and staff-related issues promptly.
- Assist the Head of Automation to create accurate production paperwork and ensure the efficient flow of information as necessary for the smooth running of the show.
- Acquire familiarity with all plots/tracks within the automation department to provide holiday or absence cover for other members of the department as required.
- Take an active role in teaching new members of staff and work closely with theatre staff to ensure the smooth running of the production.
- Assist the Head of Automation, liaising between the Company Manager, Technical departments, Resident Creative Team, Production and General Management Teams to ensure the smooth running of all rehearsals and performances.
- Ensure awareness of understudy and swing performances ahead of each show and make necessary adjustments.
- Attend rehearsal, technical, dress and understudy rehearsals as required.
- Attend weekly Head of Department meetings in the absence of the Head of Automation.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in accordance with the Health and Safety Policy and maintain an excellent working knowledge of all relevant health and safety legislation and good working practices and liaise closely with Disney's Health and Safety Manager to ensure that the Health and Safety Policy is followed. 	
Skills Required	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working with automation within the entertainment sector (Theatre/Rock and Roll or Television/Film). • Knowledge of setting up, maintaining and operating of automation systems including electronics, electric motors, winches, manual and automated rigging devices. • Experience in the operation of computerised automation control equipment. • Ability to work at height. • Knowledge and understanding of H&S legislation such as LOLER, PUWER and WAH. • Clear, confident communication and decision making essential. • Handle any problems that occur during performances with an ability to remain focused and calm when under pressure. • Excellent relationship and interpersonal skills with the cast, creative and production team, essential. • Transparent and open approach, be able to work well under pressure, enjoy leading from the front, and by example. • Excellent problem-solving skills and use of own initiative. • A full awareness of the need for integrity and confidentiality. 	
Additional Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Term Contract, Jan 2026 – May 2026 • 48 hours per week. • Weekend and evening work integral (Tuesday-Sunday show schedule). • This role will require the candidate to understand and follow the Health and Safety Rules & Regulations at the production. 	
Application instructions	
<p>For more information or to apply, please send your CV and Cover letter to dtg.recruitment@disney.com. Closing date for applications: Sunday 10th August 2025</p>	
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