



The **WALT DISNEY** Company
Europe, Middle East & Africa

Automation Assistant

Job Title	Automation Assistant	Department	Automation Department
Position Type	Fixed Term Contract	Location	London, UK
Reports to	Head Of Automation, Company Management, Production Management, General Management	Direct reports	Deps

Overview of the Business

Step into the spotlight and be part of the magic behind the curtain! Disney Theatrical Group is preparing to bring a highly anticipated musical to the stage, set to open in London in early 2027.

Our Commitment to Inclusion

Disney is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workforce. We encourage applicants of every race, ethnicity, belief, gender, sexual identity, disability, age, and culture to apply.

Overview of Role

We are seeking a passionate and motivated individual to join the **Automation** department for a musical on a fixed-term basis.

As an **Automation Assistant**, you'll report to the Head and Deputy Head of Automation. Your focus will be on supporting the safe operation, maintenance, and smooth running of automated stage machinery and systems during rehearsals and performances.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Assist the Head and Deputy Head of Automation, liaising between the Company Manager, Technical departments, Creative Team, Production, and General Management Teams to ensure the smooth running of all rehearsals and performances.
- Assist the Head and Deputy Head of Automation with any day-to-day changes that might impact the running of the Production.
- Perform daily setup, automation rig checks, and maintain clear communication within the Automation team.
- Ensure awareness of understudy and swing performances ahead of each show and make necessary adjustments.
- Operate the show automation for performances, replicating the show's design.
- Attend rehearsal, technical, dress, and understudy rehearsals as required.
- Support the Head and Deputy Head of Automation in maintaining all automation equipment to ensure it is in working order for each performance. Maintain the quality of the show as directed by the artistic requirements and under the guidance of the Head of Automation, Production Manager, and Creative Team.
- Report and provide timely feedback on show and staff-related issues.
- Work in full compliance with Disney's Health and Safety Policy and maintain knowledge of relevant legislation and best practices

Skills Required

- **Background:** Experience in a similar role within a large-scale musical production, working alongside an international cast, is highly desirable.
- **Technical Knowledge:** Strong knowledge of setting up, maintaining, and operating automation systems including electronics, electric motors, winches, and both manual and automated rigging devices.
- **Automation Operation:** Experience in operating computerized automation control equipment is highly desirable.
- **Working at Height:** Comfortable with working at height as part of daily responsibilities.
- **Team Collaboration:** Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to foster positive working relationships across departments.
- **Problem-Solving:** Excellent initiative and practical problem-solving skills, particularly in high-pressure backstage situations.
- **Calm Under Pressure:** Able to handle issues that arise during performances with focus, professionalism, and composure.
- **Communication:** Clear and confident communicator, with the ability to make informed decisions and collaborate effectively with cast, creative, and production teams.
- **Health & Safety:** Solid understanding of health and safety legislation relevant to the role, including LOLER, PUWER, and Working at Height regulations.

The Right Fit: You Are...

- Proven ability to solve problems quickly and efficiently.
 - Highly effective team player with strong collaboration skills.
 - Capable of following instructions and adhering to department protocols.
 - Motivated to learn new skills and committed to upholding the quality of a major production
 - Demonstrates discretion and professionalism when working closely with others.
- Well-organised and detail-oriented in all aspects of work.

Additional Information

- **Contract Type:** Fixed-Term 48 hours per week
- **Start Date:** Early 2027
- **Run Dates:** 2027-2028
- **Hours:** 48 hours per week
- **Schedule:** Monday-Saturday schedule with a midweek and weekend matinee
- **Health & Safety:** This role will require the candidate to understand and follow the Health and Safety Rules & Regulations at the production

How to Apply:

Ready to help create theatrical magic? Submit your application below

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Closing date for applications: 18th September 2026

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