



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

Head of Automation, The Greatest Showman UK

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

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 lead the automation department on Disney's *The Greatest Showman* on a fixed-term basis.

Working with the Production Manager, General Managers, Company and Stage Management, this department lead will be a main point of contact between the Disney office and the Automation department, leading on Health and Safety in their department and contributing to the excellence of the production.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Manage, supervise, and schedule members of the automation team.
- Operate the show automation for performances, replicating the show's design.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Liaise between the Company Management, Stage Management, 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 rehearsals as required.
- Attend weekly head of department meetings.
- 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

- Experience working with automation within the entertainment sector (Theatre/Rock and Roll or Television/Film).
- Experience in a similar role within a large-scale musical production.
- 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

- 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

For more information or to apply, please email your CV and cover letter to dtg.recruitment@disney.com Closing date for applications: **Sunday 13th July 2025**

Created By G Hankers

Date June 2025