

DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTRICIAN

Contract: Wednesday 6 May – Wednesday 15 July 2026

Fee: £9,075 (fixed term)

Reports to: Chief Electrician (Chief LX)

OVERVIEW

The Grange Festival is seeking an experienced Deputy Chief Electrician (Deputy LX) to support the delivery of lighting and electrical operations across the 2026 season.

The season comprises three operas, three concerts and one dance production in repertory. The Deputy LX will play a key role in the fit-up, technical rehearsal period, and running of the season, ensuring the lighting rig and systems are maintained to a high standard and that all performances are delivered safely and consistently.

Working closely with the Chief LX and alongside a second Deputy LX, the role combines hands-on technical delivery, team supervision, and day-to-day operational responsibility within a busy festival environment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Lighting Delivery & Repertory Operation

- Support the Chief LX in delivering all lighting aspects of the festival programme
- Take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the rig during rehearsals and performances
- Programme, run, or supervise lighting desks as required
- Ensure accurate re-creation of lighting states across repertory changeovers
- Support relights and notes sessions during the rehearsal period

Fit-Up, Rigging & Technical Preparation

- Assist in the installation, rigging, and focusing of all lighting equipment
- Interpret and implement lighting plans in collaboration with visiting Lighting Designers
- Ensure all systems (control, dimming, power distribution) are installed and commissioned correctly
- Contribute to efficient and safe get-ins, changeovers, and get-outs

Team Supervision

- Support the Chief LX in supervising the LX team, including technicians and casual crew
- Allocate and monitor daily tasks during fit-up and running periods
- Maintain clear communication within the department and with Stage Management and other technical teams
- Provide practical support and guidance to less experienced crew

Maintenance & Troubleshooting

- Maintain the lighting rig throughout the season, ensuring reliability across repertory
- Diagnose and resolve faults quickly during rehearsals and performances
- Ensure all equipment is maintained, tested, and used in accordance with best practice

Concerts & Events

- Support the delivery of lighting for concerts and one-off events
- Where required, assist in basic lighting setup or adaptation for non-designed performances

Health & Safety

- Work in accordance with all relevant UK theatre safety standards and electrical regulations
- Promote safe working practices within the department
- Ensure all rigging, cabling, and equipment use meets required standards

Get-Out & Close

- Assist with the de-rig and return of all lighting equipment at the end of the season
- Ensure equipment is left in good order and appropriately stored

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

- Proven experience as a Deputy LX, Senior Technician, or equivalent in opera, theatre, or live events
- Strong practical knowledge of:
 - o Theatrical lighting systems and rigging
 - o Moving lights, LED fixtures, and conventional lanterns
 - o Control systems and desks
 - o Power distribution and fault-finding
- Experience working in repertory or multi-show environments
- Ability to work calmly and effectively under pressure
- Strong organisational and communication skills
- A collaborative, solutions-focused approach

Desirable

- Experience working on opera or large-scale classical performance
- Experience with outdoor or temporary venue infrastructure
- Familiarity with common UK control platforms (e.g. ETC, MA)
- IPAF / PASMA or equivalent certifications

APPLICATION

Please send a CV and a short covering statement to: salim.kalache@thegrangefestival.co.uk or [apply here](#)

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