



WORLD OF WEARABLEART

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Wardrobe Garment Technician (Competition, Show & Collection Support)

Background:

The World of WearableArt (WOW) is the world's leading wearable art experience, and encompasses a renowned international wearable art competition, Aotearoa's single largest theatrical production staged in Wellington annually and exhibition activity both within New Zealand and overseas.

The Wardrobe team is responsible for enabling and supporting successful delivery of WOW activities, most significantly the annual Competition, Show and Exhibition activity, both in terms of efficient operations and logistics and also from a technical garment care and maintenance perspective.

Wearable art comes in all sorts of exciting forms and materials, and the garment technician team's core focus is maintaining and caring for works of wearable art created by external designers.

Position Purpose:

The Garment Technician plays an integral role in each garment's journey through Competition, Show and Collection activity. They contribute to successful delivery of all Wardrobe related activities, in particular providing specialist care (including assessment, repair, preservation, maintenance, and administration) of:

- a) garment entries for the annual Competition and Show; and
- b) permanent collection items to ensure long-term preservation and readiness for use in WOW shows, exhibitions, photo shoots and activations.

Location:

This role is Nelson-based; however, some travel is required particularly during the annual Show season in Wellington.

Reports to:

Collection & Wardrobe Manager

Key Working Relationships:

Internal

Model and Special Projects Manager
Head of Competition
Competition Coordinator
Garment Technicians
Dresser Manager
Other casual/contracted Wardrobe staff

- a. **Garments** – specialist garment repair and/or preservation for permanent collection items, including:
 - i. Carrying out specialist garment assessment, maintenance, repair, and preservation work.
 - ii. Assisting the Garment Technology & Collection Manager with maintenance of accurate information for all garments, external events and appearances including core operational tasks (e.g. annual garment check; garment acquisition processes; records/database management).
 - iii. Contributing to implementation of policy and guidelines for garment technology and collection management function e.g. cataloguing practices and standards; storage and preservation; garment audit and inspection processes.

- b. **Mannequin Management**
 - i. Post-Show season assessment of mannequin to garment requirements.
 - ii. QA/advice and documentation for mannequin dressing.
 - iii. Mannequin inventory, maintenance, and repairs.

- c. **Exhibitions, installs, live appearances** – coordination including:
 - i. Preparation of garments for events and exhibitions.
 - ii. Allocation and preparation of mannequins for exhibition.
 - iii. Undertaking live and install/de-install dressing activity on-site as required.

- d. **Packing** – specialist advice and support for packing/transporting garments or other items for Competition returns; for Show; for exhibitions; for photoshoots etc. including:
 - i. Designing/building purpose-built boxes.
 - ii. Carrying out specialist garment packing activities; assisting with preparation for freighting.

- 3. Safety & Wellbeing** including:
 - a. Displaying commitment through actively supporting all health, safety and wellbeing initiatives.
 - b. Complying with relevant health, safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and reporting requirements.

Skills and Experience Required:

- Qualification/proven experience in garment technology or a design-related field
- A sound understanding of design, appropriate handling of different materials and a range of construction techniques
- Ability to undertake hands-on repair and maintenance of garments
- Previous experience in a live performance environment essential
- Prop-making, carpentry and sewing skills would be beneficial
- High-level of attention to detail and problem-solving abilities
- Resilient nature and able to work effectively under pressure
- Highly organised, able to adapt to changing priorities
- Strong interpersonal skills, works well in a team environment
- Competent using Excel, Word, SharePoint and Outlook, experience working with a database system would be an advantage
- Physically fit and able to handle heavy or awkward objects and materials
- Full drivers licence and forklift license desirable