

Role Profile

Job Title: Junior Puppet Maker
Department: Puppets
Contract: Project-based
Pillar: Production

Function of the department/section & main purpose of the role:

Working as part of a team to produce puppets for Aardman's stop motion features & broadcast productions.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Performing a wide variety of basic modelmaking processes unsupervised including some maintenance of puppets returning from the floor. Work may involve some repetitive tasks to produce multiple pieces such as casting & finishing 3D printed parts and silicone items.
 - Training to perform more complex processes, but at the simplest level, such as mould making, painting & soldering to produce completely new items.
 - Responsible for following all COSHH guidelines & the production risk assessment, observing the provision of the Health and Safety at work policy.
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Responsible to: Department Team Leaders, HOD, Production Manager & Creative Lead.

Person Specification (essential and desirable background, skills and experience)

- Some previous experience necessary, ideally at least a year's relevant professional work or to have completed a previous Aardman long form project as a trainee.
- Strong interest in learning to improve the craft skills of puppet building to a high standard.
- Enthusiastic about problem solving & finding out how things work.
- Strong listening & communication skills.
- Flexible & proactive team player with the ability to work calmly under pressure & to tight deadlines.
- Good IT skills including Photoshop, Excel, Solidworks & other Cad programmes useful.