

Sadler's Wells  
Chef de Partie



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## About us

Sadler's Wells is a world-leading creative organisation, dedicated to presenting, producing and touring dance made today in all its forms. Sadler's Wells commissions, presents and produces more dance than any other theatre in the world – from tango to hip hop, ballet to flamenco, Bollywood to cutting-edge contemporary dance. With an innovative, year-round programme of performances and learning activities, this is the place where artists come together to create dance, and where we welcome everyone to experience dance and be inspired.

Our aim is to reflect and respond to the world through dance: enabling artists of all backgrounds to create dance that moves us and opens our minds; sharing those experiences with the widest possible audiences to enrich their lives and deepen their understanding of what it means to be human.

More than half a million people come to our theatres in London each year, with many more enjoying our touring productions at partner venues across the UK and in cities around the world. Sadler's Wells Theatre has been located in Islington since the 17th century. Today Sadler's Wells consists of the Sadler's Wells Theatre (1,500 seats); the Lilian Baylis Studio (180 seats); three rehearsal studios; bars, a café, facilities for private and corporate entertaining and offices for Sadler's Wells' colleagues.

Our second theatre building and West End home, the Peacock (1,000 seats), is subject to a unique agreement whereby Sadler's Wells and the London School of Economics jointly manage it, with the LSE presenting its lectures to students during the day and Sadler's Wells presenting theatre at night.

Our fourth venue Sadler's Wells East opened last year in east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Sadler's Wells' new space is located on the Stratford Waterfront site, opposite the London Aquatics Centre, alongside UAL's London College of Fashion and the V&A Museum. The site forms part of a new cultural and education district, which will also include a major new University College London (UCL) campus with direct links to the creative communities already based in east London.

Sadler's Wells' new space houses a 550-seat mid-scale theatre, as well as facilities for the Rose Choreographic School and Academy Breakin' Convention

## Our Values

### COLLABORATION



- We are encouraging and supportive
- We work as one collective team
- We listen and empower every voice
- We seek and value diversity of thought and experience
- We pool our knowledge, resources and creativity
- We create opportunities to work strategically and in partnership

### EXCELLENCE



- We are ambitious and driven
- We make and share meaningful, exciting and impactful dance
- We do the best we can each day
- We continuously learn and develop our skills
- We operate sustainably by managing our resources effectively
- We hold each other accountable

### INCLUSION



- We are brave and kind
- We create a safe place so colleagues can bring their full selves to work
- We celebrate and respect our differences
- We remove barriers to access or equality
- We actively address all forms of discrimination
- We engage and reflect the diverse communities we are part of

### INNOVATION



- We are curious and bold
- We find a better way in the every day
- We challenge and question why, and why not
- We take creative and calculated risks
- We cultivate ideas, try new things and embrace change
- We learn and grow from our mistakes and successes

## The Department

The Catering & Events Department is responsible for external hire of the venue and delivering all food and drink services throughout Sadler's Wells and The Peacock Theatre to create memorable events, with the focus on maximising profit and excellent customer experience. We have expanded with an additional site at Sadler's Wells East that will host café, bar and events.

Current offering at Sadler's Wells Angel and The Peacock:

- The Fox Garden Court offers a fresh seasonal menu including hot dishes, fresh salads, selection of sandwiches, pastries, artisan coffee and cakes prepared on site.
- Our bars at Sadler's Wells and the Peacock serve a selection of drinks, sandwiches, snacks, and tea and coffee.
- For events, we offer range of spaces and catering options; from canapes and bowl food to corporate breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

Offering at Sadler's Wells East:

There are two retail outlets (Park Kitchen & Bar and The Well) and events spaces available for external hire.

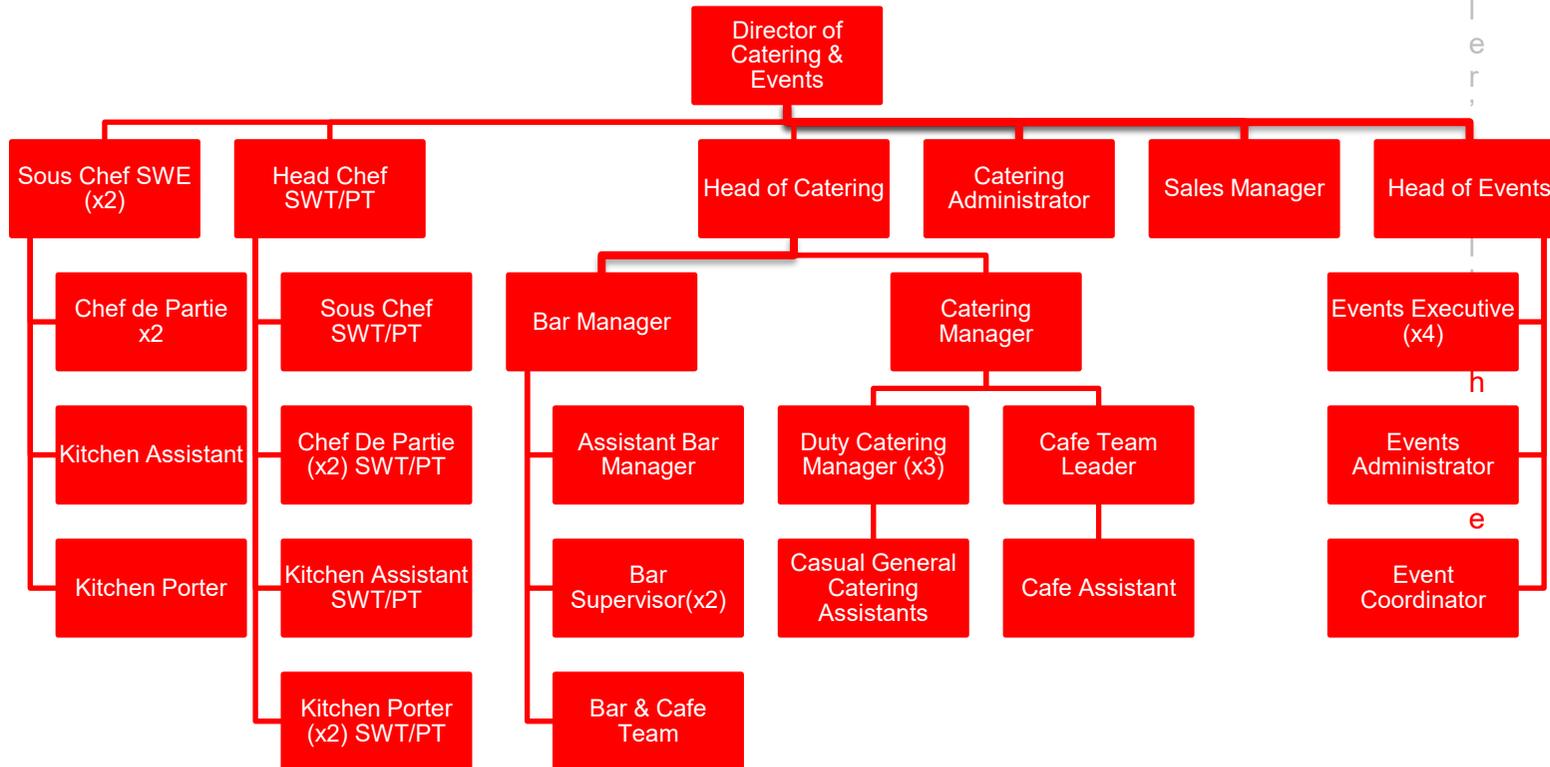
- Park Kitchen & Bar is the larger bar with 80-100 covers with a menu that is current, on trend and playful, with a majority produced in house.
- The Well is theatre bar open around the shows with a range of sweet and savoury snacks.
- For events, we offer range of spaces and catering options; from canapes and bowl food to corporate breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

## The Role

The Chef de Partie will support the kitchen operation ensuring smooth operation, excellent food produce and service across the site. Passion for food and good palate with a hands-on approach are essential.

### Key responsibility areas:

- Work well within the kitchen team to ensure smooth and efficient running of the kitchen operation at Sadler's Wells Angel.
- Work as a part of a team but also able to work independently within given time frames.
- Maintain consistent and exceptional food standards and quality, reflecting current trends.
- Take a proactive, detailed approach to food safety and health and safety.
- Support the team in the implementation of new menu concepts to increase food sales.
- Support catering operation across other sites when required.



# What are my responsibilities?

## Operations

- Efficient day-to-day operations ensuring system compliance.
- Ensure consistency in quality and portion control utilising menu specification sheets.
- Follow processes and systems to ensure efficient and cost-effective delivery.
- Propose improvements to enhance operations.
- Support marketing activities and offers across the business to drive sales.

## Financial Management

- Contribute to achieving financial targets set.
- Manage food wastage to keep this at minimum.
- Stock management – rotation and security of stock, stock takes.

## Health & Safety / Food Safety

- Consistently uphold and adhere to the Company Food Safety Policy.
- Always ensure compliance with Company Health & Safety Policy.

- Advise Head Chef /Sous Chef of any breakage / malfunction of catering equipment so service or replacement can be arranged.
- Complete all compulsory training as detailed in SW Food Safety policy.

## Communication

- Work closely with the Catering and Events team to develop positive relationships.

## General

- Live, breathe and role model our organisational values of Excellence, Collaboration, Inclusion and Innovation, being aware of the influence and impact you can have as a leader at Sadler's Wells.
- Carry out all administrative work generated by the above activities.
- Attend occasional staff meetings, training sessions and other events.
- Undertake other duties as may be reasonably required.
- At all times to carry out duties and responsibilities with regard to Sadler's Wells' Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Safety Policies. This may include providing assistance with evacuation procedures or building searches in the event of an emergency at any of Sadler's Wells' premise.

*THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IS A GUIDE TO THE NATURE OF THE WORK REQUIRED OF THIS POSITION. IT IS NEITHER WHOLLY COMPREHENSIVE NOR RESTRICTIVE AND DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.*

## Who should apply?

The successful applicant will demonstrate the following skills, experience, and personal qualities:

### Skills and Experience

#### Essential

- Experience of working as a part of a team within a busy kitchen to a high standard.
- Good people skills, able to communicate and use initiative.
- Self-motivated and eager to learn/progress.
- Ability to prioritise tasks and deliver within a given time frame.
- Strong understanding of Food Safety and Health & Safety.
- Be able to work to high standards under pressure maintaining attention to detail.
- Level-headed, sensible, trustworthy and reliable.
- A passion for food and good palate.
- Proactive in problem solving.
- Must hold the right to work in the UK.

#### Additional, but not essential

- Experience in working within a Theatre, Arts or Entertainment Venue.

If you don't have everything listed here, but believe you have demonstrable experience to take into consideration, please apply. We are aware every applicant will have strengths and development areas to accommodate, and we are open to discussions around how we can support the postholder.

## Why work for us?

<b>Salary:</b>	£38,231 per annum, plus benefits
<b>Hours of work:</b>	Full-time, 43 hours plus a one hour paid meal break, working 5 days out of 7 per week
<b>Start date:</b>	from March 2026

You will be a key part of our mission to make and share dance that inspires us all and delivering our vision to create, through dance, a depth of connection beyond borders, cultures and languages, so we see ourselves in each other.

- You will be offered a salary of £38,231 per annum based on 43 hours over any 5 out of 7 days per week, plus a paid meal breaks each day.
- You will get 25 days annual leave per annum (pro rata), with an additional 3 days after five years' service
- You will be enrolled into the Sadler's Wells Trust Ltd. pension scheme.
- You will have access to our Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) to support your wellbeing
- Engage in learning and project opportunities to develop personally and professionally, and support your career journey
- You can access an interest-free Season Ticket Loan and a Cycle to Work salary sacrifice scheme
- You will be eligible for a death in service insurance policy covering twice your annual salary
- You will be encouraged to attend performances at both theatres with a discretionary allocation of tickets to employees (subject to availability), and a staff discount at the Garden Court Café
- We welcome everyone through our doors and encourage and enable people to be the best versions of themselves and to feel confident and capable in their roles
- We celebrate diversity in the dance we share and showcase, and in our workplace. We are working hard to be more inclusive and increasing access both on stage and off and have several anti-racism commitments to make lasting changes in the way we work

## Making an application

A Job Description and Person Specification are included in this document. If after reading you are still interested in applying, please find further details and information on how to apply [Valued Recruitment link](#). If you would like support or have any queries regarding the format or submission of the application, please contact us by emailing [Valued Recruitment link](#).

Sadler's Wells welcomes applications from people from all backgrounds, who feel they align with our mission, vision and values. It is important to us that representation continues within our team and we encourage applications from people from global majority ethnic minorities. We are proud to be a Disability Confident employer, meaning we have been certified by the government as actively taking steps to attract, recruit and retain disabled workers. We understand that some disabled colleagues will need adjustments to help them perform to the best of their ability – these can be changes to the built environment and furniture, the tools and technology they use in doing their job, aspects of the role, ongoing support or working arrangements. Sadler's Wells is a PiPA (Parents and Carers in Performing Arts) Charter Partner, striving towards creating a more family friendly working environment.

**This is an ongoing vacancy, and we aim to contact candidates on an ad-hoc basis. Once a suitable candidate is appointed, this vacancy will close without further notice.**