

Singing Tutor

Start Date	September 2022
Employment Type	Full Time
Closing Date for Applications	16 October 2022

Scope of the Job

Responsible to:	All BA/MA programmes at SPAA, Lead Singing Tutor, Programme Leader – Musical Theatre and the Executive Director.
Responsible for:	Singing provision within undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.
Works Closely with:	Lead Singing Tutor and other Singing/Musical Theatre faculty.

Job Purpose

The **Singing Tutor** is responsible for direct teaching and planning within singing related activities at SPAA. The **Singing Tutor** has a key role in delivering safe practice within the delivery of modules containing singing related teaching. This role requires a skillset in which the candidate has extensive practical experience in their field but also has some experience of module delivery. This team is led to work succinctly alongside the other departments within the performance courses and the wider faculty at Sharjah Performing Arts Academy. The **Singing Tutor** reports directly to the Lead Singing Tutor.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and deliver assigned one-to-one, group teaching, and project modules.
- Reporting directly to Lead Singing Tutor, Programme Leader – Musical Theatre, and ultimately the Executive Director.
- Safe practice will be at the forefront of practice alongside developing innovative teaching, which connects with a multidisciplinary training culture.
- Collaborate with the singing faculty to facilitate singing module assessments with clear feedback.
- Potentially assist with some global outreach and audition procedures to maintain high levels within student recruitment.
- Share practice and pedagogy with other members of the faculty.
- Develop schemes of work to comply with SPAA's teaching and learning policies.

- Cultivate advanced practice within singing through continued CPD.
- The **Singing Tutor** may be required to undertake additional duties relevant to the delivery of the Academy's programmes.

Key Interactions

As part of the SPAA team, working closely with all faculty to ensure our students are provided with the highest levels of teaching and learning support during their course of study. Through the departmental channels within the Academy, the SPAA team will facilitate these fundamental practices ensuring courses are running effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the students and the wider arts community in Sharjah.

Knowledge and Experience

Essential:

- Excellent skills in singing pedagogy (particularly full, industry relevant, Musical Theatre "cross-over", from contemporary to legit styles).
- Competent piano/accompanying skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work with students from varying cultural backgrounds.
- Ability to teach a variety of vocal pedagogical approaches.
- Wide knowledge of Musical Theatre repertoire.
- HE/Drama school teaching.
- Direct industry experience.
- Appropriate qualification at degree level or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience via industry or professional practice.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a multinational team.
- Ability to work on a flexible schedule.
- Flexible approach to working and developing the post.
- A determined and efficient individual who is a team player ready to lead, learn and grow.

Desirable:

- Professional performance or creative team experience in Musical Theatre.
- Advanced piano/accompanying skills.
- Ability to run performance workshops.
- Ability to add into a creative team for productions.

- A wider understanding of professional industry practice and knowledge.
- Potential ability to feed into other Programme disciplines within the Academy.
- Potential ability to teach other disciplines if qualified.
- Master's degree related to subject specialism.

Core Competencies

Delivery through:

- Decision making and problem solving with the Lead Singing Tutor
- Building teams and communication with students
- Facilitating change

Development through:

- Resilience
- Driving results

Context

Sharjah Performing Arts Academy (SPAA) is an independent Academy established by His Highness, Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah, to address a growing demand in the UAE and MENA region for formal quality education and professional training in the performing arts sector. SPAA is the only performing arts conservatoire in the MENA region, offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programmes taught in English. The purpose-built Academy comprises one 432 seat theatre, two fully equipped studio performance spaces, TV/recording studios, twelve sprung rehearsal studios, 12 singing tutorial spaces, resource library, gymnasium and cafe.

Sharjah Performing Arts Academy specialises in training graduates for work in the international professional performing arts industry. The faculty working at SPAA are highly experienced practitioners within their respective fields. The focus of the Academy is practical rather than academic. The central value for a SPAA graduate is arming them with the highest levels of practical skills for their field and giving them the tools to be able to successfully generate their own work or practice.

Complexity

Sharjah Performing Arts Academy is a complex performing arts institution. Effective coordination between departments and courses is a high priority to ensure that resources are appropriately shared and quality in teaching and learning is maintained.

Additional Information

The *Staff Handbook* is an important resource for all employees. It sets out the expectations and important conditions of your employment.

- The post holder must accept responsibility for ensuring that SPAA policies and procedures relating to Health and Safety in the workplace are adhered to at all times.
- The post holder must respect the confidentiality of data.
- This is a full-time post based at **Sharjah Performing Arts Academy**, University City, Sharjah, UAE.
- This job description is a guide to the nature of the work required of the **Singing Tutor**. It is not wholly comprehensive or restrictive and may be reviewed with the post holder and line manager as required and in line with the growth of the Academy.
- The *Staff Handbook* will be sent to you via email.
- **Sharjah Performing Arts Academy** offers a highly competitive salary, residency visa, full medical Insurance cover, living/schooling allowances and annual flight to country of residence.

Note: due to licensing requirements and safeguarding policies, any individual offered a position will be required to submit a background check/DBS/Police check.

This job description is not an exclusive or exhaustive list of all job functions that an employee in this position may be asked to perform from time to time.

To apply: Please send a maximum one (1) page **cover letter** with your most current **CV** to careers@spaa.ae