

Position:	House Manager
Location:	Hybrid:
FLSA Status:	Full-Time/Exempt
Salary Range:	57,000 - 61,000
Reports to:	Theater Manager
Supervises:	FOH / Youth Engagement Staff

### The Organization

Building on the foundation of seven historic theaters, The New 42nd Street (New 42) is a leading performing arts nonprofit whose mission is to make extraordinary performing arts a vital part of everyone's life from the earliest years onward. Led by President & CEO, Russell Granet, New 42 engages a wide diversity of New York City youth, artists, educators, and audiences through the New Victory Theater's stage presentations from around the world, award-winning education and youth employment programs, New Victory LabWorks, an incubator for new works, and state-of-the-art rehearsal studio spaces for New York City's creative community.

Representation matters both on the stage and behind the scenes, and we seek employees who feel the same. We also know that creative people often come with non-traditional resumes and experience; if you believe you'd be a great fit here, please don't count yourself out—we want to hear from you! Read more below on how to apply.

#### **The Position**

New 42 seeks a full-time House Manager responsible for ensuring the courteous, efficient, and safe day-to-day operations of the Theaters front of house during events resulting in the happiness and satisfaction of audience members, by performing various administrative, supervisory, clerical, and public relations functions. This is both a supervisory and a hands-on job, requiring outstanding interpersonal relations skills and an ability to build a positive work environment in which our staff (full time FOH managers and our ushers who are part of a

workforce development program) are well-trained, confident, empowered, and eager to please our patrons at The New Victory Theater (a Theater for Kids and Families) and other audience spaces at the New 42.

## **Primary Duties and Responsibilities**

- Act as the primary full-time staff member on duty during performances. Attendance at performances is required, and the schedule is to be determined by the show schedule.
- Supervise staff in efficiently operating audience services duties, including overseeing ticket scanning, seating, and communications with Front of House staff, The Usher Corps, and Stage Management.
- Create and foster community with ushers in alignment with positive Youth Development principles;
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  - Complete end-of-show reports detailing house counts, tickets sold, and patron comments or concerns.
  - Assist in controlling patron flow and backed-up lines, helping to reduce patron waiting time. In case of emergency, the Theatre and Rentals Manager is responsible for the safe evacuation of the audience.
  - Administrative tasks include, but aren't limited to, oversee scheduling house management staff and ushers, sending reminder emails, and generating show-specific notes.
  - Determines staffing needs and coordinates with necessary departments, with the approval of the Theater Manager.
  - Provide excellent customer service, addressing the needs of patrons in a friendly, helpful, timely, and effective manner. Maintain knowledge of plays and ticket policies.
  - Implements accessibility programs, such as sensory-friendly performances, open captioning, and audio descriptions.
  - Assists in training and supervising FOH staff
  - Work with the Assistant Director of Education / Youth Engagement and the Theater Manager to manage schedule and oversee FOH / Youth Engagement staff
  - Actively engage and participate in ongoing Diversity, Equity,
    Inclusion, and Belonging work within the organization, including the

centering of anti-oppressive practices within the Front of House department for the advancement of New 42 as an anti-racist organization.

• Perform other duties as assigned.

## **Essential Knowledge and Qualifications:**

- Minimum three to four years of house management, box office, or similar events management experience.
- Excellent customer service background. Strong interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills.
- Must be adaptable and able to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Experience working with kids, families and/or teens and college students
- A background and/or interest in theater
- Schedule flexibility and willingness to work performances and events, including early mornings, nights, weekends, and holidays.
- Candidates must have strong computer skills. Previous experience with ticketing software (Tessitura preferred) is a plus but optional.
- Must be CPR certified or able to complete certification.
- Obtain an S-95 Certificate of Fitness from the FDNY
- This position requires standing for extended periods, communicating with Box Office and Stage Management via headset, and repeatedly walking a distance of approximately 50', including stairs. Frequent lifting of up to 50 pounds, such as supplies and equipment, is required.

# Why Should I Apply?

Be a part of this leading non-profit performing arts organization committed to empowering young people, artists, and educators through the performing arts. In addition to a competitive salary, New 42 offers a robust employee benefits package which includes comprehensive Health Insurance, Flexible Spending Account, a 403B Retirement Plan, Employee Pension, and Paid Time Off.

# **Equal Opportunity Employer**

New 42 is an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind: New 42 is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will

receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetic information, predisposition or carrier status, disability, age, military or veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.

New 42 is committed to anti-oppressive practices in all departmental business processes; we aim to prioritize and advance as an anti-racist and anti-oppressive organization.

### Accessibility Needs

Any applicants needing accommodations for accessibility purposes; please don't hesitate to let us know what you need.

#### Notes from Human Resources

For the safety of our guests and staff, New 42 requires employees to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (including boosters if you are eligible). Documentation of vaccination status must be provided if an offer of employment is made.

Applicants must submit the following to <u>education.hr@new42.org</u> to be considered for the position:

- Cover letter expressing specific interest in and qualification for the position
- Resume