

Christmas Show PRODUCER WANTED...

Kents Cavern in Torquay is looking for someone to produce, direct and star in the 2022 "Santa in the Caves" show.

The Show

The Santa show lasts 45 minutes and runs every half hour. Typically, the shows are promenade performances around the caves with four or five actors each doing a 10/12 minute performance every half hour, passing on to the next actor at specific times. Audiences are groups of up to 40 adults and children.

During the weekdays Santa in the Caves is popular for nursery schools/ preschools and primary schools who pre-book slots. We can have up to 4 classes/ groups per day. The show is generally designed around the same performance as the weekends however it is simplified as the show is looked after by 1 actor plus Father Christmas.

Kents Cavern has a reputation for staging quality events and these shows are no exception. In 2018 & 2019 the show was ranked as one of the top 10 grottos in the UK.

Target Audiences

Target Age group is: 2 – 8-year olds with accompanying parents/ guardians

Show Dates and Times

Santa in the Caves – Nursery/ Preschool Dates

- Monday 5th to Friday 9th December (9am-3.00pm)
- Monday 12th to Thursday 15th December (9am-3.00pm)

Santa in the Caves – General Public Dates

- Saturday 3rd December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Sunday 4th December (9.00am-5.30pm)

- Saturday 10th December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Sunday 11th December (9.00am-5.30pm)

- Saturday 17th December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Sunday 18th December (9.00am-5.30pm)

- Tuesday 20th December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Wednesday 21st December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Thursday 22nd December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Friday 23rd December (9.00am-5.30pm)
- Saturday 24th December (9.00am-2.30pm)

What we want the successful applicant to do

- Visit Kents Cavern,
 - understand the logistics/ design constraints of performing back-to-back shows in the caves with transparent handovers from group to group.
 - get some ideas on concepts that work and those that don't.
- Create an entertaining script with a relevant Christmas theme, fun for children and amusing for parents/adults. A script can be provided if necessary.
- Select and coach cast.
- Identify and source relevant props, sound and light FX.

Fees

Santa in the Caves – General Public

- The fee for producing, directing and starring in the Santa Show is £150 per performing day.
- 11 days of performances = £1650
- An hourly rate of £12.00 will be budgeted for writing a script, identifying and source relevant props/ costumes, sound and light FX, casting, rehearsal etc up to the value of £900. Equivalent of working full time for 2 weeks.

Santa in the Caves – Nursery/ Preschool

- A set hourly rate for starring in the weekday shows for nursery/ preschools performances. Hourly rate to be discussed. This can be sourced to different performers in the cast to allow for days off.

Extra Information

- All cast members employed by the producer will be paid an hourly wage by Kents Cavern.
- You are required to be present for each show.
- The fee includes adding activities relevant to the show for our kid's activity zone.
- The budget for props, costumes, sounds and light FX is £1000.

What to do next

If you think this role is for you could contact James Hull, General Manager, on 01803 215136 or email jameshull@kents-cavern.co.uk. Deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 8th July 2022

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