**Southern Stars – Performing Company Dance Director 2024**

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| **Title** | Performing Company Dance Director – Southern Stars 2024 |
| **Description** | Expressions of interest are invited for the voluntary position of Performing Company Dance Director for Southern Stars 2024.  |

Southern Stars is an annual arena spectacular held in the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong with audiences of 12,000 each year. Open to all NSW public school students, it is a powerful, inspiring and energetic show featuring vocalists, dancers, circus performances, drama students and a mass choir to a live orchestra.

Since 2001, more than 50,000 public school students have been given the unforgettable opportunity to experience performing in the event. Southern Stars has cemented itself as a highlight in many schools’ annual calendar.

Staff involved give freely of their time in a **voluntary capacity.** Staff relief is paid for days when the successful candidate is required to attend rehearsals and show week. The majority of the rehearsals take place on the weekend and school holidays. Show week would require four days commitment and school holidays and weekend rehearsals approximately 20 days.

The event takes place in Wollongong although members of the current team reside all of NSW. Meetings currently take place online, with rehearsals based in Wollongong.

Southern Stars 2024 will commence the creative process shortly. The successful candidate would be required to commit until August 2024. The Performing Company Dance Director may have the option to renew their position in 2025.

**Role Description**

Associate Performing Company Director as required:

* Oversee SSPC dance ensembles created for Southern Stars and other opportunities such as the Dance Festival, Pulse Alive and Schools Spectacular.
* Attend SSPC Meetings
* Collaborate with the Operations Manager to develop all necessary documentation for events.
* Liaise with the Design Director for all SSPC Dance items
* Liaise with the Dance Director, choreographers and parents, to ensure all dancers are appropriately and cost effectively costumed and that costumes and routines adhere to DoE standards and safe dance practices.
* Liaise with the Operations Manager on budgets and rehearsal requirements
* Attend and coordinate specialist dance auditions
* Attend rehearsals in school holidays and on weekends when required and mass rehearsals and show week as scheduled.
* Attend all production team meetings.

**Essential Criteria**

* Teaching qualifications and/or recent school or performance-based experience.
* Demonstrated understanding of large-scale productions and expertise in one or more areas of the production.
* Excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.
* Demonstrated willingness to work collaboratively with the Southern Stars Team.
* Ability to work outside regular school hours and attend creative and production team meetings, auditions, weekend rehearsals, mass rehearsals and show week as required.

**To Apply**

Attach a maximum of one additional page addressing the selection criteria and email to Sharon Buikstra, Operations Manager, Southern Stars, at southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au by **Friday 8 December 2023, extended 24.2.24**

One of the referees listed must be the applicant’s current principal or supervisor for non-school based teaching staff.

| **More information\*** | **Response** |
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| **Related link** | [Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular](https://www.southernstarsarenaspectacular.com/)  |
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