

Sam Osborne

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He / him

Freelance Lighting Designer, Associate, and Programmer for theatre, dance, and live events. Show Control Programmer for immersive experiences.

Lighting design specialising in stylised theatre, in particular new writing and children's theatre.

[ALPD Member #3262](#)
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FREELANCE POSITIONS (2022-25)

Full time freelance since 2019. Full list of credits available on request

Lighting Designer

December 2025	The Little Mermaid	Nottingham Playhouse (Dir: Alessandra Davison)	Neville Studio
February 2025	The Secret Garden	Big Little Theatre (Dir: Graham Hubbard)	BSG Bournemouth
December 2024	The Ugly Duckling	Nottingham Playhouse (Dir: Laura Ryder)	Neville Studio
December 2024	A Winter's Tale	1623 Theatre (Dir: Ben Spiller)	Attenborough Arts Centre
November 2024	Barbara	Mark Croasdale	UK Tour
October 2024	Gnaw	Daniel McVey	Amplify Festival (Nottingham Playhouse)
August 2024	The Kennington Loop	Loudest Laugh Productions (Dir: Daniel McVey)	Hen & Chickens Theatre
May 2023	Choose Your Fighter	Votive Theatre (Dir: Amy Crighton)	Camden People's Theatre

Associate Lighting Designer

October 2025	The Wild Cards	NCL / Sisco (LD: Sam Ohlsson)	Norwegian Cruise Line / Sisco
February 2025	Animal Farm	Theatre Royal Stratford East (LD: Jai Morjaria)	TRSE, Leeds Playhouse, Nottingham Playhouse
April 2023	The Lost Spells	Goblin Theatre (LD: Sherry Coenen)	Polka Theatre
November 2022	A Christmas Carol	Hull Truck (LD: Joshua Carr)	Hull Truck Theatre
October 2022	Stranger Sings!	The Vaults (LD: Clancy Flynn)	The Vaults & UK Tour

Lighting Programmer

August 2025	Guys Sing Dolls	BBD (LD: Adam Murdoch)	Paradise in Augustines
February 2025	Animal Farm	TRSE (LD: Jai Morjaria)	Theatre Royal Stratford East
October 2023	Uncanny	Tilted Sessions (LD: Jai Morjaria)	Leicester Curve Studio & UK Tour
April 2023	Romeo & Juliet	Lakeside Arts (LD: Richard Statham)	Lakeside Arts
February 2023	THEM 2023	Body Politic (LD: Chloe Kenward)	South East Dance & UK Tour

COGS Show Control Programmer

September 2025	Fame Factory London	Clockwork Dog / Done & Dusted	ExCeL London
July 2025	The Traitors Live Experience	Clockwork Dog / Immersive Everywhere	Traitors Covent Garden

September 2024	Taskmaster Live	Clockwork Dog / Avalon	Dock X London
April 2024	Bridge Command	Clockwork Dog / Parabolic	Vauxhall Arches
Relighter			
August 2025	Trainspotting Live	Seabright Live (LD: Clancy Flynn)	Pleasance @ Edinburgh Fringe
December 2024	Finding Santa	Little Angel Theatre (LD: Sherry Coenen)	Midlands Arts Centre
July 2024	My Son's a Queer	Turbine Productions (LD: Jai Morjaria)	UK Tour
December 2023	Finding Santa	Little Angel Theatre (LD: Sherry Coenen)	Bloomsbury Theatre
October 2023	Subversion	Tom Dale (LD: Andrew Ellis)	UK Tour
April 2023	Dance No 2 ^o	The Place (LD: Edward Saunders)	South East Dance

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Stranger Sings! UK Tour | Ellis Live — *Head of Lighting*

SEPTEMBER 2023 - MAY 2024

Responsible for overseeing and leading the lighting installation at touring venues. Primary responsibilities included accurate and high quality relighting and show operation; further responsibilities included set electrics maintenance and advancing of shows to each venue.

Paradise Green (Edinburgh Fringe) — *Year-Round Technical Director; Seasonal Technical Manager*

AUGUST 2017 - PRESENT

Technical Director: Specifying and quoting for equipment hire, drawing venue plans and liaising with suppliers and prospective companies to ensure technical requirements and staffing levels can be achieved to a high standard. Responsible for training technical staff and their welfare throughout the festival.

Technical Manager: Managing a team of 4 technicians to complete changeovers for a large variety of companies across five performance spaces at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Leading company fit ups (including focusing & programming lighting and sound).

EDUCATION

School of English, University of Nottingham — *2.1 BA English*

SEPTEMBER 2016 - JUNE 2019

Undergraduate dissertation in the exploration of sarcasm on Twitter.
Modules in linguistics, literature (1800-present) and Old English

Student Experience Award - University of Nottingham Students' Union, for technical events services to Union events.

Northampton School for Boys

SEPTEMBER 2007 - JUNE 2014

A Levels: AABB - Maths, English Language, Physics, Further Maths
GCSEs: 9 A* - B

KEY SKILLS

ETC EOS | QLab 5 | COGS

Zoom | ATEM | OBS

Training & Management of teams

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

Emergency First Aid at Work
(2024-2027)

Standard DBS Check (2025)

Fire Awareness in the Workplace |
Crimson Fire (2018)

PAT (CPD) | ABTT (2015)

ALPD Lumiere Scheme 2020

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST