

Amber Heal

Stage Manager's Representive

About me!

I'm Amber (she/her), I'm a 3rd year vet at Newnham and I'd love to be the next SM rep! Despite having only acted and had never thought to try out tech work before coming to Cambridge, I've found a love for all things stage management and would like to encourage others to give it a go! I've SM'ed a few shows now and have helped with training ASMs or advising new techies and am passionate about taking this further.

All things props!

- I'm going to try to clear up the props cupboard (yes, really...)
- There's a bit of uncertainty on what's in the props store so I'd allow SMs to come in advance so they can see what they can use
- There are a few props stores run by other bodies in Cambridge so I'd like to collaborate with them so we can let others know what's in stock
- Hold props drop in sessions and extra sessions in case there's a last minute item missing
- Encourage reusing props rather than buying new ones

Supporting new SMs

- Doing your first show as a stage manager in Cambridge can be daunting and I'd like to offer more support to new SMs
- I would like to hold an SM workshop to show everyone around the ADC, what the job involves and what extra training is useful to have
- I've used the producers guide for a few shows now and I'd like to make one for stage management
- I would message stage managers in advance of their show and let them know about the props store and be on hand for advice
- Offer to be there during their tech or even ASM to help support them
- Improve SM welfare by advising them on what the role involves and how much to take on

SM Community

- Make the SM Facebook group more active with posts about vacancies or asking questions
- Hold SM socials
- Make a group chat for anyone involved in SM'ing
- Boost the SM network so we can find people able to ASM on some show nights more easily