

Join the team at HAC!

1812 Youth Theatre Assistant

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Arts for everyone in Ryedale – and beyond!

WELCOME

Hello and thank you for your interest in joining the team at HAC!

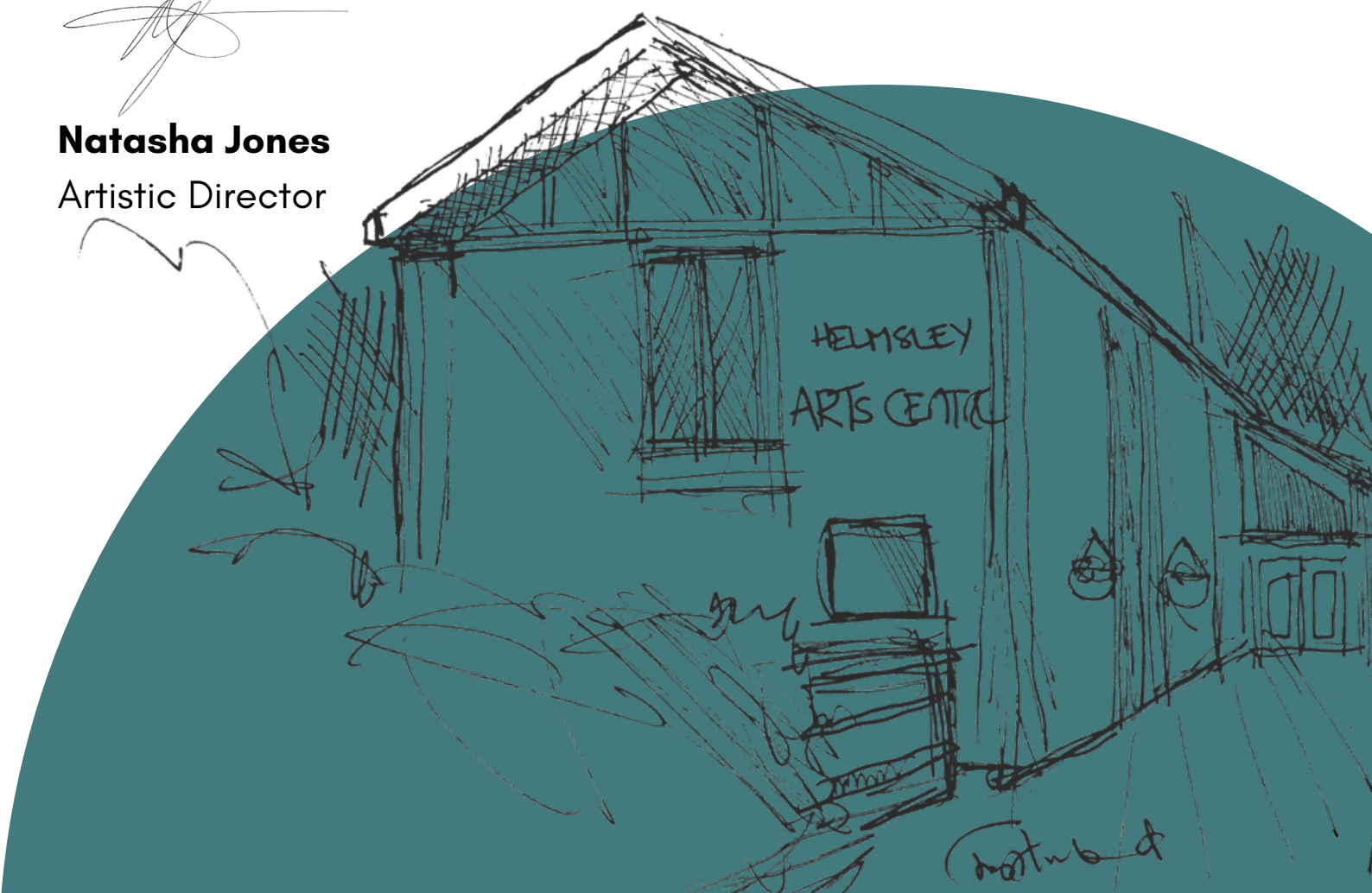
Helmsley Arts Centre is a thriving centre for the arts in the small market town of Helmsley, a meeting place for the creatively curious; a **community-led**, social hive with opportunities to be **creative**, and to experience high quality **arts and culture**.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic about theatre and working with young people, friendly, creative, energetic, reliable, organised, and confident working with groups of different ages and abilities – and to work with us towards our mission of providing **arts for everyone in Ryedale – and beyond!**

We hope that all the information you need is in this pack, if not please do get in touch. We look forward to receiving your application by **12 noon on Monday 26th October 2026**



Natasha Jones
Artistic Director



Helmsley Arts Centre

Helmsley Arts Centre is a thriving **multi-purpose arts venue** in the picturesque market town of Helmsley. The building, formerly known as the **Old Meeting House**, was built as a venue for Quaker meetings in **1812**.

The first performance took place in **1993** following huge development of the building thanks to The Old Meeting House Trust and local architect Tony Burns.



HAC is a registered charity and fundraising is an essential part of our work to ensure that we meet our annual fundraising goals to keep our doors open and the programme full of high quality creative opportunities.

HAC is run by a small team of staff and a large team of volunteers who work together to ensure HAC plays our part in the cultural, social and economic future of our region and industry.

Our **community is at the core of HAC**. The **1812 Theatre Company** and **1812 Youth Theatre**, our volunteers, outreach projects with local schools, Youth Training programmes, Harminis, Community partnerships, HAC Singers, Ryedale Writers, Play Reading Group, Friday Morning Cafe and more!

Our events offer the broadest range of **theatre, music, comedy, spoken word, talks, exhibitions, classes, workshops, courses, cinema, live screenings** from National Theatre Live as well as half term and holiday activities for all ages across all art forms, from **ballet, yoga** and **creative writing** to **crafts, musical theatre** and a huge variety of **art exhibitions** throughout the year.



Helmsley | North Yorkshire



The picturesque market town on the banks of the River Rye has a gracious setting, sheltered beneath the remains of a medieval castle. There's a fine market square and ancient market cross – market day is Friday – as well as some delightful alleys and independent shops in town. It's also the winner of Britain's Best Market Town in the Great British High Street Awards 2015. The beautiful ruins of Rievaulx Abbey are just a short walk away, while Helmsley is the gateway to the western side of the National Park with its stunning dales and moorland walks.



The Role

Youth Theatre Assistant

Working alongside the Youth Theatre team, you will help support weekly drama sessions, activities and rehearsals for our young performers.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Supporting the delivery of fun, engaging drama and theatre activities and term projects.
- Helping young people develop performance, communication and creative skills.
- Assisting with rehearsals, workshops and group activities.
- Creating a welcoming, inclusive and positive environment for all participants.
- Supporting the lead practitioner with groups and individual young people.
- Helping with the practical running of sessions, including setting up and clearing away.
- Encouraging young people to participate, collaborate and build confidence.
- Supporting the smooth running of the 1812 Youth Theatre programme.



Person Specification

About you!

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a genuine enthusiasm for theatre, drama and the performing arts.
- Enjoys working with children and young people.
- Is creative, energetic, patient and approachable.
- Is confident contributing to drama games, exercises and creative activities.
- Is reliable, organised and able to work as part of a team.
- Can help create a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.
- Has experience of working with young people in a theatre, drama, education, youth or community setting.

A formal teaching or drama qualification is not essential — enthusiasm, creativity and a positive approach to working with young people are just as important.



Why join us?

You'll be part of a vibrant local arts organisation and have the opportunity to help young people discover their creativity, build confidence and develop a love of theatre.

If you are passionate about drama and enjoy helping young people flourish, we'd love to hear from you.

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone looking to develop their experience in youth theatre, arts education and community performance, while becoming part of the creative team at Helmsley Arts Centre.

What we're offering

Hours: 9 hours per week

(extra hours available during production weeks)

Rate: £15 per hour

- Tuesdays: 4.30pm–8.00pm
- Wednesdays: 4.00pm–6.00pm
- Saturdays: 9.30am–11.30am*

*dependant on group viability

Employment type: Part time | 12 month contract

Benefits: **The opportunity to attend a varied range of arts events at HAC!**



How to Apply

We want to know why you think you'd be great at this role and why you'd like to join the team at HAC! You can do this in a way to suit you, including...

You can do this by:

- Completing an application form
- Sending a video/audio file telling us why you would be a great fit for this role and the experience you have.
- Submitting a CV/Supporting statement in your chosen format

Where to send it:

- **Email** to Natasha Jones – director@helmsleyarts.co.uk
- **Drop in/post** to

FAO: Natasha Jones
Helmsley Arts Centre
Old Meeting House Court
Helmsley
YO62 5DW



When?

Please submit your application by
12noon on Mon 26th October 2026

What next?

If you have any **questions**, or need to submit your application in another way, please contact:

Natasha Jones

director@helmsleyarts.co.uk

01439 772112

We will let you know if you have been invited to an interview by 12noon on Friday 30th October, and will contact you regardless of the outcome of your application.

Due to the nature of the role you are applying for, we would like to invite you to take part in a practical element as part of the interview process, should you be selected for interview.

On Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November, you will be invited to lead a short drama activity with each of our different age groups. This will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your approach to working creatively with young people across a range of ages and abilities.

Following each session, there will be an opportunity to discuss your experience and the activities you have delivered with the Youth Theatre Director. This will also give us the chance to explore your ideas, approach and suitability for the role in more detail.

We hope this practical element will provide you with an opportunity to experience our Youth Theatre environment and for us to see your skills and creativity in action.

We look forward to receiving your application, in which ever format you chose to submit it in.



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