Michelle Rasdall

Professional Licensed Chaperone for children in Film/TV/Theatre



- Professional Licenced Chaperone with Worcestershire County Council
- NSPCC Accreditation and PART Child Regulations Training (City & Guilds)
- BBC Advanced Safeguarding Training
- Public Liability Insurance via BECTU
- First Aid Certificate
- Food Allergen and Intolerance Training

Education Qualifications

- MA in Professional Practice, Middlesex University (part time)
- IDTA Fellowships (Distinction)
- RAD Teaching Diploma / RAD History of Ballet / RAD Anatomy and Physiology
- HND Business and Finance , Newcastle University

Employment - Chaperone Related

With over 30 years of experience as a chaperone, I have worked extensively in theatre, both regional, touring and West End and have worked for all major broadcast media both for main cast children and SA's . I am happy to act as Head Chaperone when required including providing admin support to production via scheduling, coordinating teams of chaperones, budgeting and account management. I have a thorough knowledge of regulations and safeguarding, updating my training every year and have acted as advisor to productions with regard to time management and coordination to make full use of child working hours. I am happy to accompany abroad and provide overnight care and have experience of large-scale, long-term touring. I enjoy working with all levels of disability and have experience with deafness, Downs Syndrome, Autism, wheelchair and mobility issues. Although I am not a teacher, I have a Master Degree and am happy to act as emergency tutor on set if required!

Employment – Dance Teacher Related

I established and ran The Samara Ballet School for over 30 years, a thriving school of 400 pupils offering IDTA/RAD to Advanced 2 Level in all disciplines. Many pupils went on to perform with The Royal Ballet School and had successful careers both in the West End and abroad. I have also adjudicated at various dance festivals in the UK in all genres of dance.

Personal Qualities

I would hope others would describe me as caring, hardworking, enthusiastic and fun to be with! I have boundless energy and like to organise anything and everything (!) to cover any eventuality. I believe in always being punctual, have a good eye for detail, but equally love the unpredictability of working with very young children. Having experienced my own children working in the industry, I am able to deal with the questions and natural worries of parents of the children in my care with a sympathetic, understanding approach while maintaining a firm control of the necessary boundaries that come with the work.

Other information

Full, clean driving licence and car owner with business insurance; passport; wish I could say I speak another language but sorry I can't! As a proud owner of a camper van, I am happy to travel anywhere. I live within an hour's commute of Birmingham and the West Midlands, Oxford, Bristol, Worcester and the Cotswolds but also regularly work in the London area and throughout the UK.

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Recent Credits

TV/Broadcast BBC – Phoenix Rise Series 3 & 4 ITV/Snowed-In Productions Joan BBC/Lion TV – Style it Out BBC/OneFourOne - Operation Ouch! BBC – Father Brown Channel 5/Proper Content - Wife on Strike BBC/Common Story - I Can Do It Oxford University Press – Training Films BBC – Phoenix Rise Series 1 & 2 The Travel Chapter – TV Commercial Hotels.com - TV Commercial BFI -Indi for England Short Film BBC/Snowed-In - Stonehouse Series Channel 4 - Steph's Packed Lunch BFI/Raucous/Rowdy/BBC - Lumbu t Film **BBC Studios - Doctors** ITV/Red Productions - No Return Series BBC Children's/Netflix, Get Even 2 BBC - CBBC Ballet BBC - Children in Need, Salisbury BBC - Alan Carr Series **BBC - Sunday Morning Live** BBC - The Canterville Ghost Film BBC Scotland - Legacy Dream Extreme BBC - My Name is Leon Series BBC - Dark Money Series BBC - CBeebies, Ferne & Rory's Vet Tales, Disney Channel, Vlog BBC PROMS - Peckham Choir

<u>Theatre/UK Tour</u> RSC - Matilda London Disney – Lion King Tour Worcester Rep – Romeo and Juliet Word Shaker Ltd – The Book Thief Joseph UK Tour School of Rock UK Tour Elf the Musical - Birmingham Arena

Dance/Other Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Choir Royal Ballet – Chance to Dance Coventry City of Culture Parade Shiamak - Bollywood Dance Show, Warwick Shiamak - Bollywood Dance Show, Warwick Shiamak - Summer Indian Dance, Leicester Cambridge TC - Goodnight Mr Tom I-Star Academy, UK Dance Regional Finals Cambridge TC - James & the Giant Peach Chelsea Football Club, Bridge Kids Cambridge TC - Les Miserables I-Star Academy, Move It! Excel London Cambridge Theatre Arts, Annie