

Head of Marketing and Visitor Experience



Job Description April 2024



Position	Head of Marketing and Visitor Experience
Department	Central Administration, St Martin-in-the-Fields Ltd
Responsible to	Chief Executive
Responsible for	Marketing Manager, Box Office Manager and Assistant, Marketing Assistant
Key relationships	Members of the senior leadership team including external programmers, key artistic partners, Vicar and Clergy team, Trust Director, Music Director, external freelancers, PR agency.

Main purpose of the position

Reporting to the Chief Executive and part of the Senior Leadership Team of St Martin-in-the-Fields Ltd (SMITFL), the role is the lead for SMITFL's marketing activity in support of its extensive cultural programme, destination and tourism work, on and offline retail activity and B2B commercial venue hire. It also takes responsibility for the marketing and communication of church-based activities.

The role has responsibility for all arts and cultural campaign strategy, building and fostering audiences and the gradual expansion and day-to-day management of the Marketing team. The role will manage St Martin's digital channels and be responsible for developing effective understanding of our data to help planning and future strategic decision making. The role also has responsibility for delivering a world class visitor welcome across our site and for ensuring that the experience of visitors whilst they are with us is warm, welcoming, inspiring and memorable.

As we develop a more holistic approach to marketing and communications across all five of St Martin's entities and as the St Martin's Trust launch a major fundraising campaign in 2025 (the 'Yes' campaign), the post will play an instrumental role in ensuring the wider campaign needs are delivered and the core messaging is supported on site and on line.

Key metrics include:

- achieving sales targets across a wide and diverse programme of ticketed events
- driving visitor numbers to the site
- improving our digital profile and content
- effective research (including understanding and segmentation of current audience groups and building new audience segments)

• helping to elevate the communication and awareness of our brand and the powerful narratives that St Martin's can convey – across on and offline platforms.

No two days are the same and this role requires the ability to anticipate and respond to a wide range of projects and requirements and to target a wide range of audiences and visitors for everything we do. From concert goers, congregation members, tourists, corporate event managers, film location companies and more, the role is broad, and the marketing activity required to support our thriving site is complex. The postholder will work with an unusually extensive range of stakeholders and colleagues and will ultimately help to build brand awareness, visitor numbers and revenue for St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Background to St Martin's

St Martin-in-the-Fields (St Martin's) is an incredible place to work. Located in the heart of London on Trafalgar Square, we are a place for everyone, everywhere, every day – to worship, reflect, relax, meet, eat and drink, enjoy music and the arts and much more.

The church itself is a 300-year-old architectural jewel, with iconic spaces throughout the site that attract hundreds of thousands of people each year. We seek to cultivate dynamic practices that model sustainability in all its forms, expand spaces in which people of diverse backgrounds encounter, enjoy, and elicit the best from one another, offer programming that inspires, transforms and entertains, and in all things aim to 'be with' one another in ways that celebrate dynamic, mutually respectful and enriching relationships across social boundaries and differences.

The vision of our business

St Martin-in-the-Fields Ltd will spark wonder and encourage people to cross our threshold by presenting diverse cultural events of the highest calibre and by offering exceptional hospitality and a warm welcome. Our food offer and artistic programming will nourish, inspire and entertain and help us to deliver a busy and energetic site that is 'fully alive' across the day and night. In doing so, our flexible and versatile spaces will be accessible for people of all backgrounds to encounter, enjoy, and elicit the best from one another and celebrate mutually respectful and enriching relationships that are nurtured by what we do. We will do all of this in a way that supports sustainability in all of its forms.

We will achieve this by:

- Delivering an outstanding social enterprise operation that generates profits to support St Martin's.
- Reflecting St Martin's values and ethos and contribute to its social impact.
- Being a role model for other social enterprises around the world.
- Reaching out beyond our boundaries to gradually extend our operations off site and increase our reach, impact and revenue generating potential.
- Showing how commerce, culture, compassion and community can co-exist to deliver a site that buzzes with the energy of people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Viewing every space as a blank canvas in which new and exciting things can happen.
- Reimagining how we operate to protect and preserve our spaces, and our planet, for the benefit of future generations.

Main duties and responsibilities

Develop brand and audience strategies

- Lead on the development of data and evidence-based marketing strategies to achieve ambitious revenue targets across SMITFL's customer and business facing activity;
- Help build St Martin's brand awareness and profile;
- Increase our understanding of and engagement with current and future audiences through research, data insight and segmentation;
- Develop audiences which are underrepresented as part of a clear audience development strategy;
- Deepen our engagement with casual visitors passing our site;
- Continually identify opportunities to maximise our brand profile on a local (London), national and international level; and
- Ensure that the marketing strategies appropriately support and align with the central 'Yes' positioning and fundraising campaign activity.

Lead marketing campaigns

- Lead the marketing team in defining and delivering effective marketing strategies for SMITFL and the church using advertising, social, CRM and SEO for live ticketed events, hospitality activity, tourism and heritage, retail activity and B2B venue hire campaigns;
- Implement communications for all church and faith-based activity in partnership with key members of the clergy team;
- Be responsible for the development of clear briefs to guide freelance creative professionals;
- Ensure consistent, compelling and engaging copy for all marketing campaigns; and
- Work with key internal stakeholders to plan, develop and implement inspirational and engaging social media content and campaigns across all of St Martin's activity.

On-site Marketing, Visitor Experience and Placemaking

- Devise and maintain effective digital and signage wayfinding across the site;
- With colleagues and external partners, develop and maintain appropriate display tools to enrich the cultural and heritage experience of the public and their understanding of St Martin's work and impact; and
- Ensure that the standards of visitor welcome are defined, consistently applied and professional in nature and that all visitor touchpoints are managed to enhance visitors' positive perceptions about St Martin's.

Digital Strategy

- Lead on the redevelopment of our digital and social platforms and be responsible for creating and implementing a new digital engagement and content strategy;
- Monitor and oversee social channels and be part of a cross site communications group to develop and deliver a plan which reflects the broad range of St Martin's activity. Develop a responsive and engaging plan to rapidly grow followers of our channels;
- Lead on the development and implementation of a new e-commerce strategy to increase online sales for our shop; and
- Develop cross and up sell strategies to maximise revenue generation.

Sales and box office management

- Be responsible for the sales and box office function, managing the box office manager in running Spektrix;
- Lead in setting prices and maximising sales yields, working closely with the box office manager, concerts manager and external stakeholders as necessary;
- Work with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance to set annual marketing budgets and income targets and carry out day-to-day financial management, ensuring all financial procedures are adhered to; and
- Monitor ticket sales and work with the team on responding and developing appropriate strategies in order to achieve targets. Provide management reports as required.

Insight, Reporting and Evaluation

- Devise and implement effective methods of evaluation delivering an evidence-based approach to marketing strategy and planning;
- Set and monitor budgets and expenditure; report regularly on financial aspects of the team's activity including at Board level;
- Optimise the return on investment of paid media campaigns across channels, on and offline;
- Create an audience insight process within St Martin's, using data collected on site, research activity and market intelligence to feed into marketing, digital and programming strategies; and
- Provide regular reports and analysis to share with the Senior Leadership Team and Board.

Lead and develop the Marketing team and external suppliers

- Plan the resourcing of projects; agree task allocations, priorities and workload;
- Be willing and prepared to be hands on as part of a small but growing team;
- Lead on the performance management and development of direct line reports;
- Be responsible for relationships with key external suppliers; and
- Create a work environment that aligns with St Martin's values and principles and find ways in which the marketing function can help demonstrate those values.

Data Protection

• Have overall responsibility for compliance with data protection and privacy policies and all applicable legal and regulatory requirements (including GDPR).

Knowledge, skills and abilities

- At least 5 years' experience in marketing ideally within an arts, events, tourism, faith based or cultural organization;
- A knowledge of or interest in classical music/live music is highly desirable;
- Strong experience in developing digital strategy, platforms and content;
- Proven experience in identifying target audiences and in creatively devising marketing campaigns that engage, educate and motivate customers;
- Experience in communications planning and working closely with PR agencies;
- Ability to manage a wide and diverse range of projects, being hands on as necessary;

- Ability to ensure successful completion of tasks to deadline and on budget;
- Experience of working with box office systems, ideally Spektrix, desirable;
- Excellent computer, numeracy, literacy and organisational skills;
- Meticulous attention to detail and excellent time keeping; and
- Willingness to attend events in order to understand audiences and oversee visitor experience standards. Some late night or weekend working required on occasion.

Personal attributes that will help the postholder:

- Experience of a faith-based organization or an understanding of the workings of a church is highly desirable;
- Ability to manage relationships with an unusually wide range of colleagues and stakeholders and work as team leader, team player or independently;
- A strong degree of emotional intelligence and a willingness to embrace a wide range of opinions;
- Ability to respond calmly yet confidently to last minute challenges;
- Confidence in dealing with the public face to face and a positive can-do attitude with a willingness to help; and
- Sympathetic with the aims and ethos of St Martin-in-the-Fields and a demonstrable commitment to our values

Working at St Martin's

- **Based** St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London for at least 4 days per week.
- **Hours** 40 hours. Attendance at some evening or weekend events may be required and is regarded as a key element of the role.
- **Salary** c£60,000 p.a.
- Holiday Entitlement 25 days, plus bank holidays.
- **Perks** Private Healthcare (currently provided via AXA Healthcare), 70% discount in the Café in the Crypt/Courtyard, 20% discount in the Shop (excluding books), limited concert concessions and Employee Assistant Programme (EAP).

Who we are looking for

SMITF welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to maintaining an inclusive working environment, with a diverse workforce. We value individuality, equality and representation and appoint on merit.

Why should you apply?

- You want to progress your career and increase your own knowledge and skills in a supportive and compassionate environment; and
- You want to work in a progressive and inclusive environment that celebrates individuality and self-expression every day.

How to apply

To apply for this post, please email the following to **peopleandculture@smitf.org** by close of play on Monday 6th May 2024:

- A supporting statement, explaining why you believe you will excel in this role; and
- An up-to-date CV detailing your relevant achievements.