



BACKSTAGE
ACADEMY

Professional Short Courses

Where **Live** Industry **Learns**



Backstage Academy provides world-class training for the live events industry. Based at Production Park in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, we offer a range of off-the-shelf and bespoke training courses with access to state-of-the-art production facilities for teaching and learning.

Founded in July 2009, we have quickly earned a reputation as a centre of excellence for backstage training, specialising in degree courses, professional short courses and bespoke training programmes.

As a privately funded organisation, we bridge the gap between industry and education, working closely with leading professionals to respond quickly to current skills shortages and write training programmes in line with specific demands.

All of our training programmes can be delivered at Backstage Academy or at your premises, if suitable (minimum delegate number applies).

Our Training Courses

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Event Safety Passport

This course is a nationally recognised qualification designed by the Production Services Association (PSA) and the Safety Pass Alliance (SPA) for people in events industries to demonstrate basic health and safety awareness. It is designed to help reduce risks in an event environment and ensure you can operate safely, no matter what your role. On successful completion of the course the passport is valid for five years.

This course is ideal for anyone working in the live events sector wanting to prove their competency in health and safety, and be recognised for doing so.

Topics covered include:

- Organising for Safety
- The Workplace
- Tool, Plant & Machinery
- Health
- Procedures
- The Environment

Duration: 1 day (9:30am to 5:30pm)

Location: Backstage Academy or at your premises
(minimum delegate number applies)

Price: £95 + VAT (Includes lunch and refreshments)

Book your place at www.backstage-academy.co.uk/short-courses



Stage Pyrotechnics

This practical, one-day training course in Stage Pyrotechnics, taught by renowned industry practitioner Lincoln Parkhouse, provides attendees with an overview of different pyrotechnic devices, their uses and relevant health and safety.

This course is ideal for anyone with the intention of using professional stage pyrotechnics for live events. You need to be 18 or over to attend this course.

Topics covered include:

- Live Device Demonstrations
- History of Pyrotechnics
- Flame Proofing
- Maroons & Concussion
- Bomb Tanks & Flashpots
- Jets & Gerbs
- Series Wiring
- Testing
- Storage
- Authority Documentation
- Risk Assessments
- Material Safety Data (COSHH)
- Transport Emergency Cards (TREM)

Duration: 1 day (9:30am to 5pm)

Location: Backstage Academy

Price: £150 + VAT (Includes lunch and refreshments)

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Rigging

This course is an in-depth theoretical and practical training course designed for people of all levels of experience. It's delivered using a purpose-designed truss rig and a wide range of safety equipment.

This course is ideal for a wide cross section of people, from industry novices with an interest in rigging, to technicians working with rigging equipment, and professional riggers wanting a refresher course to sharpen their skills.

Topics covered include:

- Regulations, Guidance & Standards
- Working at Height
- PPE Inspection & Inspection Records
- Basic Lifting Principles
- Rigging Hardware
- Truss Theory, Beams, Load Distribution, Bridles & Angled Loads
- Bridle Choice - Estimation, Measurement & Calculation
- Calculation of Loads from Vector Analysis
- Knots & Rope Finishing
- Basket & Choke Technique
- Truss Slinging
- Hoist Operation & Electrical Safety
- Rescue Planning

Duration: 2 days (Day 1 - 9am to 5:30pm, Day 2 - 8:30am to 5:30pm)

Location: Backstage Academy

Price: £450 + VAT (Includes lunch and refreshments)

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Working with Electricity

This course helps to promote safety and reduce major injuries and accidents when working with electricity. It covers how to comply with current legislation and well established safety procedures as well as looking at the safe connection of equipment to the mains.

This course is ideal for anyone who wants to work on an event that uses electricity and wants to understand how it works and how to work safely with it.

Topics covered include:

- **Electrical Theory & Regulations**
How electricity is produced and distributed, and the regulations that govern this. Using basic electrical formulas.
- **Temporary Electrical Systems**
Key components and relevant procedures
- **IP Ratings, Connectors & Cables**
Understanding connectors and cables that are suitable for different uses including outdoors
- **Distribution & Design**
How to design and implement an electrical system used in live events

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Isadora

Introduction

This course provides you with a general overview of the Isadora software including key features, usability and hands-on experimentation. It is taught by Graham Thorne, the only official Isadora pro user in the UK.

This course is ideal for anyone wanting an introduction to the Isadora software.

Topics covered include:

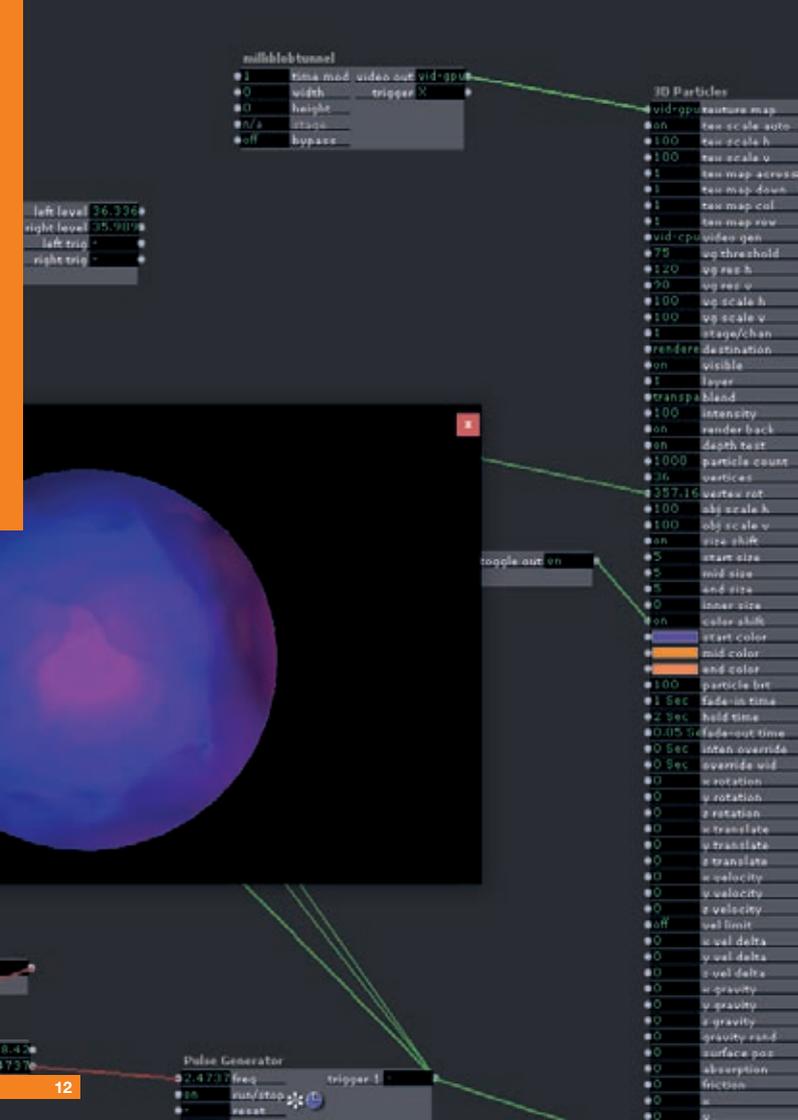
- Windows & Layout
- Importing Media
- Setup & Preferences
- Media & File Handling
- Actors & Patching
- Playback & Generators
- Basic Interaction
- Effects & Snapshots
- Basic Mapping in IzzyMap
- Introduction to the Control Interface
- Saving
- Exporting
- Run-only Features

Duration: 1 day (9:30am to 5:30pm)

Location: Backstage Academy or at your premises
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Price: £195 + VAT (Includes lunch and refreshments)

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Backstage Bespoke

Backstage Bespoke brings tailored training to your organisation.

Tailored Training Solutions

Our industry experts can adapt our professional short course content to meet your requirements, whether you need guidance on how to overcome safety issues at particular events, or you need training in a specific type of rigging activity. Our Backstage Bespoke courses have previously included Equipment Suspension & Rigging, Practical Fire Safety, Working at Heights, Manual Handling and An Introduction to Rigging.



Training Designed Around Your Product

Our industry training experts can also design bespoke training courses around your product for delivery to your target market.

To find out more about Backstage Bespoke visit:

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