# SNAP JUDGMENT STUDIOS - SPOOKED: FREELANCE COMPOSER

Snap Judgment, an award-winning radio show and podcast (heard on over 400 NPR stations nationwide, and downloaded over two million times every month) is seeking a freelance music composer/engineer for its spin-off podcast, Spooked. Spooked is a production of Snap Studios, WNYC, and Luminary Podcasts.

The Spooked freelance composer will work on an on-call basis with the show for the duration of the Season 6 production. These terms are expected to last through October, but may be extended.

## Duties:

**Composition:** Compose new original music for a range of moods and genres as necessary, matching story themes and storyteller tone, adhering to show theme and story arc.

**Sound design:** construct sonic environments (atmosphere, setting) surrounding stories, using sound resources, room/spatial noise, and effects processing. Optimize audio recordings or sound bites, creating "ear candy" and sound sweeteners for a fresh experience.

**Engineering and dialogue editing:** Polishing vocal recordings with varied approaches depending on audio quality. Pacing storyteller with musical accompaniment, cleaning up rough story producer edits, seamlessly constructing phrases out of different parts of vocal reportings, fixing cut-off words and any other recording issues. Editing mouth noises (smacks/clicks), curse words, out-of-place breaths and pauses, constructing room tone from vox recording, maintaining timing and sync during story sequencing (moving large portions of audio sessions as needed), tonal and dynamic optimization, noise reduction, eq., etc.

**Mixing:** mixing sound design, musical score, storyteller vox, and audio levels to create a seamless whole. Organizing and managing all story assets into deliverables.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Experience with ProTools or Logic, ability to cut tape and edit together stories
- Experience with Ableton, Maschine, or other DAWs
- 1-3 years experience in professional audio production
- Ability to give and receive criticism in a professional and respectful manner
- Commitment to fair and respectful storytelling
- Experience producing creative content on deadline
- A helpful attitude and a willingness to work closely with teammates

#### **EDUCATION:**

Please list any Music degrees, Audio Training or equivalent experience

### PREFERRED SKILLS:

- Production experience in a fast-paced media environment. Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously. Ability to work well under pressure, within the framework of tight deadlines.
- Clear communication skills with the ability to be effective across diverse groups throughout the company
- Love of the paranormal, ghost stories, and horror in all media. Understanding of Spooked's voice and familiarity with Spooked's catalog.

This is a temporary part time position that is remotely worked. Freelancer will be on-call through October, starting as soon as possible.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter to <u>jobs@snapjudgment.org</u>. Please include a few samples of your work.

Snap Judgment is an Equal Opportunity Employer actively seeking diversity in the workplace. We encourage people of color, people with disabilities, veterans, women and gender-noncomforming candidates to apply.