



Job Description: Assistant Head Video & Programmer for *The Flying Dutchman*
Reports To: Head of Video, ATD's, Director of Production
Works collaboratively with: Designer(s)

Summary:

Des Moines Metro Opera is a major summer opera festival located in Indianola, IA. The company produces 3 new productions each season in a summer repertory schedule, presented within the intimate 467-seat theatre at the Blank Performing Arts Center. Our 53rd season includes Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, and Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Oversee the video crew to assure their work is to the Video Designer's specifications.
- Attend necessary meetings including, but not limited to, bi-weekly production meetings, department head meetings, post tech meetings, etc.
- Help to create and maintain an archive of DMMO inventory.
- Coordinating and managing video elements and rentals for productions
- Train video staff and interns to run the show control software.
- Responsible for programming *The Flying Dutchman* (expected to be in WatchOut) during technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals.
- Responsible for supervising *The Cunning Little Vixen* video systems
- Call / supervise daily repertory change-over which includes tech rehearsal and the run of shows.
- Maintain clean and safe workspace.
- Other duties associated with a Video position on an "as needed" basis determined by the Director of Production and the Head of Video.

Dates of Employment:

Arrival: Sunday, May 11, starting Monday May 12, 2025

Departing: Friday, July 25, 2025.

Compensation:

\$800/week during the festival season, overtime after 50 hours paid at a rate of \$19.20/hour

\$300 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.

DMMO will provide single occupancy air-conditioned dorm housing during the festival season.

Skills and Knowledge

Any Combination of education and experience providing the required skill and knowledge for successful performance would be qualifying. Typical qualifications would be equivalent to:

- 2+ years of professional experience working with video projectors, led walls, Watchout control system.
- Past experience programing.
- Working in a theatrical setting.
- Working in a fly-house

Physical Requirements and Working Conditions

- Ability to lift 50 pounds unassisted or with the help of a team
- Ability to work at heights
- Ability to wear and safely use a fall arrest harness
- Ability to hold and operate hand, air, and power tools.
- Work includes periods of standing, working in low light, climbing stairs/ladders, and working in a personnel lift

Application Process:

Submit resume with 3 references and cover letter via email with the subject line “Assistant Head Video” to:
Production@dmmo.org

Deadline:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicant screening process to begin immediately.

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