



**Job Description:** Costume Intern  
**Reports To:** Costume Shop Manager, Wardrobe Supervisor, Costume Director

### **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 as well as a smaller scale chamber sized production in the 2nd Stages Series. Our 51st mainstage season includes a rental production of Bizet's Carmen, new production of Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle, and a new production of Prokofiev's Love for Three Oranges. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Series includes a production of Redler's The Falling and The Rising which will be presented at Camp Dodge, as well as Kander's dwb (driving while black) which will be presented at three different community locales. The dates for DMMO's 51<sup>st</sup> Summer Festival are May 29 – July 28, 2023.

At Des Moines Metro Opera, the Design & Production Internship is a concentrated nine-week training and work program. Over the nine weeks interns participate in talkbacks with directors, designers, and production staff. Interns also attend several classroom workshops including refining a resume and portfolio, networking, websites, freelancing, and production contracts; as well as receive hands-on instruction in skill-based workshops which include rigging for the stage, welding, and stage painting. All the while interns are working alongside 50+ staff and design members from professional theatre and production companies, helping interns expand their professional network of contacts.

### **Principle Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assist the Costume Shop Manager in the preparation and running of all Mainstage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Series Productions. This includes building, altering, fitting, repairing, washing and general maintenance of costumes used by DMMO.
- Work under the Wardrobe Supervisor as a dresser during the run of shows, prepping costumes and assisting in quick changes as needed.
- Moving costume supplies into The Blank Performing Arts Center and returning them to storage at the end of the festival season.
- Assist with maintaining an inventory of costume stock throughout the season
- Maintain clean and safe workspace
- Attend all Intern Talkbacks and Workshops.

### **Essential Job Functions:**

Works with creative teams and performers, independently utilizing their creative ability and artistic judgment to achieve a successful interpretation of designs for new productions. Consults with and updates the Costume Shop Manager and Wardrobe Supervisor and keeps them informed of all stages of production.

### **Compensation:**

Daily stipend of \$75/day during the festival season.

\$225 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.

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

### **Qualifications and Skills**

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

- Currently enrolled in or graduated with BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- Experience working in a costume shop
- Proficiency in hand and machine sewing
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Must be at least 18 years of age to apply.

**Application Process:**

Submit resume and [Design & Production Intern Application](#) via email or by mail to:

Des Moines Metro Opera

Attention: Bridget Anderson, Assistant Production Manager

106 West Boston Avenue

Indianola, IA 50125

production@dmmo.org

**Deadline:**

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

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