



DES MOINES METRO OPERA

Job Description: Properties Intern
Reports To: Head of Properties, Asst. Head of Properties, Props Stage Supervisor

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 2nd 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 51st 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 with the preparation, construction, modification, and repair of properties for all Mainstage and 2nd Stage Series productions.
- Assist in loading and unloading all scenery trucks during your residency.
- Under the direction of the Props Stage Supervisor, act as props run crew for all productions.
- Assist in cleaning the properties area at the end of the season, including returning all stock to DMMO storage.
- Assist with maintaining a prop inventory throughout the season
- 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 Scenic Charge 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
- 2 years of experience as a Props Artisan
- 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 begins immediately.

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