



Job Description: Stitcher/Dresser
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 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.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the Costume Shop Manager in the preparation and running of all Mainstage and 2nd 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

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:

\$600/week during the festival season.

\$300 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.

DMMO will provide single occupancy air-conditioned dormitory housing during the residency period.

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:

- 2+ years of experience working in a costume shop
- Proficiency in hand and machine sewing
- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Application Process:

Submit resume and cover letter, email or by mail to:
Des Moines Metro Opera
Attention: Bearclaw Hart, Director of Production
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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