



**Job Description:** Wig and Makeup Artisan  
**Reports To:** Wig and Makeup Designer, Asst. Wig and Makeup Designer, Wig and Makeup Shop 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Stages Series. Our 51<sup>st</sup> mainstage season includes a rental production of Bizet's *Carmen*, new production of Bartók'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.

### Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Help to maintain Des Moines Metro Opera's inventory of wig and make up stock.
- Assist the Wig and Makeup Shop Supervisor in building, ventilating, and styling wigs.
- Assist and manage performer hair prep and wig and makeup applications.
- Assist the shop supervisor with styling, maintenance, and upkeep of wigs and hair during the run of shows
- Run backstage wig and makeup quick changes during the run of shows.

### 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 Wig and Makeup Shop 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 dorm 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:

- 2 years' experience as a Wig and Makeup Artisan in a production setting
- 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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