



**Job Description:** Scenic Artist  
**Reports To:** Scenic Charge, Technical Director, Scenic Designer(s)

**Summary:**

Des Moines Metro Opera is a major summer opera festival located in Indianola, IA. The company produces 3-4 new productions each season in a summer repertory schedule, presented within the intimate 467-seat theatre at the Blank Performing Arts Center. Our 52<sup>nd</sup> season includes a rental production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, a new production of R. Strauss's *Salome*, a new production of Debussy's *Pelléas & Mélisande*, and a new production for the world premiere of Damien Geter and Lila Palmer's *American Apollo*.

**Principle Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assist the Scenic Charge in fabricating and painting all scenery and properties for the season.
- Be present during all scenery changeovers to supervise and help with laying down any painted ground cloths used during the season.
- Work with the Scenic Charge and Technical Director on a schedule for notes during the run of the shows.
- Strike and return all materials and tools to their proper places in working condition.

**Dates of Employment:**

Monday, May 27 – Sunday, July 28, 2024.

**Compensation:**

\$650/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 of experience working in a scenic paint shop.
- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

**Application Process:**

Submit resume and cover letter via email with the subject line "Scenic Artist" to:  
Production@dmmo.org  
Attention: Bridget Anderson, Assistant Production Manager

**Deadline:**

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

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