



Job Description: Shop Carpenter
Reports To: Technical Director, ATD- Scene Shop Supervisor, Master Carpenter

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 52nd 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:

- Work under the Scene Shop Supervisor and Master Carpenter to help prepare, build, and modify scenery for the festival season.
- Assist in the repair, modification, or building of any shop or theater improvements.
- Assist in scenic changeovers as needed.
- Assist in run crew if needed to cover a sickness or injury in the Show Operations Department.

Dates of Employment:

Sunday, May 12 – Monday, 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 scene 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 "Shop Carpenter" 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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