



**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 3-4 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:**

- 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.

**Dates of Employment:**

Monday, May 27 – 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' 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 via email with the subject line "Wig & Makeup Artisan" or by mail 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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