



**Job Description:** Assistant Technical Director  
**Reports To:** Technical Director, Director of Production, Scenic Designers

**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 53<sup>rd</sup> season includes Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, and Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*.

**Principle Duties and Responsibilities:**

Des Moines Metro Opera is looking for 3 Assistant Technical Directors for our 3 summer shows in rep. The below responsibilities correlate to the show that is assigned

- Assist the TD with the stage crew (Head Flyman, Stage Carpenters, and Stage Interns) during all changeovers while coordinating with the Electrics and Properties department.
- Coordinate best methods and techniques for efficient changeovers with TD and Show/Stage Ops Supervisor.
- Assist the Head Flyman in the rigging and flying of all scenic elements.
- Monitor and enforce safe working techniques and rules on the stage during changeovers and work notes.
- Coordinate the needs of design staff and stage management during light levels, notes calls, and preset.
- Lead the stage crew during all technical rehearsals, scene-shift rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and performances.
- Assist with construction of sets when needed.
- Strive to make the technical intern position as educational and worthwhile as possible.

**Dates of Employment:**

Sunday, May 11 – Friday, July 25, 2025.

**Compensation:**

\$900/week during the festival season, overtime after 50 hours paid at a rate of \$21.60/hour  
\$300 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.  
DMMO will provide single occupancy air-conditioned dorm housing during the festival season.

**Skills and Knowledge**

Any Combination of education and experience providing the required skill and knowledge for successful performance would be qualifying. Typical qualifications would be equivalent to:

- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- 3+ years of experience working backstage in a production setting
- Prior experience as an ATD
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proven leadership ability

**Physical Requirements and Working Conditions**

- Ability to lift 50 pounds unassisted or with the help of a team
- Ability to work at heights
- Ability to wear and safely use a fall arrest harness
- Ability to hold and operate hand, air, and power tools.
- Work includes periods of standing, working in low light, climbing stairs/ladders, and working in a personnel lift

**Application Process:**

Submit resume with 3 references and cover letter via email with the subject line "ATD" to:  
Production@dmoo.org

**Deadline:**

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

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