



Job Description: Assistant Head Electrician
Reports To: Head Electrician, Lighting Supervisor, Director of Production, Lighting Designers
Supervises: Stage Electricians, Electric Interns

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

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work with the Head Electrician to prepare, hang, and focus the light plot, run lighting, and strike for all Mainstage and 2nd Stage Series productions.
- Consults with and updates the Head Electrician and keeps them informed of all stages of production.
- Help to oversee the stage electrician and intern's work to assure their work is to the Lighting Designer's specification.
- Assist in setting up all systems necessary in the running of shows (cue lights, video, orchestra monitors, etc.)
- Assist in loading and unloading of all lighting equipment from trucks during the summer festival.
- Train electric staff as needed.
- Maintain clean and safe workspace.

Dates of Employment:

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

Compensation:

\$850/week during the festival season, overtime after 50 hours paid at a rate of \$20.40/hour.

\$300 travel stipend to be paid on arrival.

DMMO will provide a single bedroom in an air conditioned two-bedroom apartment 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:

- 4 years' experience as a lighting technician
- 1 year as a Head Electrician in a small producing theater.
- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- 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
- Work includes periods of standing, working in low light, climbing stairs/ladders, and working in a personnel lift

Application Process:

Submit resume with three references and a cover letter via email with the subject line "Assistant Head Electrician" to:

Production@dmmo.org

Deadline:

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

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