

# DES MOINES METRO OPERA

**Job Description:** Head Stage Flyman/Carpenter  
**Reports To:** Technical Director, ATD(s)  
**Supervises:** Stage Carpenters, Stage 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 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:

- Work under the Technical Director in the safe rigging of all flying scenery pieces.
- Coordinate with the Stage and Show Operations Supervisors during technical rehearsals, light notes, and general notes.
- When required, assist in completion of scenic notes.
- Log the initial entry of the fly rail and maintain upkeep of the fly log.
- Coordinate with Stage Management and run all shows.
- Assist with Intern Workshops, including running a Rigging Workshop during the season.

## Dates of Employment:

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

## Compensation:

\$800/week during the festival season, overtime after 50 hours paid at a rate of \$19.20/hour.

\$300 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.

DMMO will provide a single occupancy air-conditioned dormitory 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 rigging experience in a theatrical setting
- 3+ years of experience as a theatre technician
- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proven leadership abilities

## 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 "Head Flyman" to:  
Production@dmmo.org

## Deadline:

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

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