



**Job Description:** Scenic Artist  
**Reports To:** Scenic Charge, Technical Director, Scenic Designer(s)

### 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:

- Assist the Scenic Charge in fabricating and painting all scenery and properties for the season.
- Be present during all scenery changeovers to supervise and help with laying down any painted ground cloths used during the season.
- Work with the Scenic Charge and Technical Director on a schedule for notes during the run of the shows.
- Strike and return all materials and tools to their proper places in working condition.

### Dates of Employment:

Monday, May 26 – Friday, July 25, 2025.

### Compensation:

\$650/week during the festival season, overtime after 50 hours paid at a rate of \$15.60/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:

- 2+ years of experience working in a scenic paint shop.
- Minimum BA/BFA in Theatre or equivalent professional experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

### Physical Requirements and Working Conditions

- Ability to lift 50 pounds unassisted or with the help of a team
- Working in an open air environment during the summer.
- Ability to work at heights
- Work includes periods of standing, working in low light, climbing stairs/ladders, and working in a personnel lift

### Application Process:

Submit resume and cover letter via email with the subject line "Scenic Artist" to:

[Production@dmmo.org](mailto:Production@dmmo.org)

### Deadline:

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

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