



Job Description: Shop Carpenter
Reports To: Technical Director, ATDs, Shop Supervisor, Head Scenic Carpenter

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 under the Scene Shop Supervisor and Master Carpenter to help prepare, build, and modify scenery for the festival season.
- Assist in the repair, modification, or building of any shop or theater improvements.
- Assist in scenic changeovers as needed.
- Assist in run crew if needed to cover a sickness or injury in the Show Operations Department.

Dates of Employment:

Sunday, May 11 – 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 scene 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
- Ability to work at heights
- Ability to work in an open air environment
- 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 "Shop Carpenter" to:
Production@dmmo.org

Deadline:

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

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