



**Job Description:** Wig and Makeup Artisan  
**Reports To:** Wig and Makeup Designer, Wig and Makeup Shop Supervisor

**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:**

- Help to maintain Des Moines Metro Opera's inventory of wig and make up stock.
- Assist the Wig and Makeup Shop Supervisor in building, ventilating, and styling wigs.
- Assist and manage performer hair prep and wig and makeup applications.
- Assist the shop supervisor with styling, maintenance, and upkeep of wigs and hair during the run of shows.
- Run backstage wig and makeup quick changes during the run of shows.

**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' experience as a Wig and Makeup Artisan in a production setting
- 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 hold and operate hair styling equipment
- Work includes periods of sitting, standing, working in low light, and climbing stairs

**Application Process:**

Submit resume with 3 references and cover letter via email with the subject line "Wig & Makeup Artisan" to:  
Production@dmmo.org

**Deadline:**

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

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