



Job Description: Lighting Programmer
Reports To: Head Electrician, Director of Production, Lighting 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 53rd season includes Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, and Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Program and operate a Gio @ 5 lighting desk for a lighting rig including 30+ Martin Mac Encore Performance CLDs, Lustrs 2, Chroma Q Colorforce 2, and 200+ conventional lights
- Train electric staff and interns to run the console during shows
 - This position is not responsible for operating the board during the run of shows
- Be responsible for programming of three shows in rep during technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals
- Coordinate the console setup along with the Lighting Supervisor and Head Electrician
- Work alongside Lighting Designers, Head Electrician, Lighting Supervisor, and an electric team of five
- Advise on solutions for programming and lighting technical problems
- Assist in the archiving of shows and the completion of lighting paperwork

Dates of Employment:

Friday, June 13 – Friday, July 4, 2025.

Compensation:

\$1,100/week during the residency, overtime after 50 hours at a rate of \$26.40/hour

\$300 travel stipend to be paid on arrival.

DMMO will provide a single bedroom in an air conditioned two-bedroom apartment or a studio hotel apartment during the residency.

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:

- Proficient in programming on ETC family consoles
- Opera and rep. production experience preferred
- Extensive experience with DMX, Ethernet, and other networking protocols
- Ability to work in a fast paced environment
- 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
- Work includes periods of sitting, working in low light, and climbing stairs/ladders

Application Process:

Submit resume including 3 references and a cover letter via email with the subject line "Lighting Programmer" to:

Production@dmmo.org

Deadline:

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

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