



DES MOINES METRO OPERA

Job Title: Scenic Carpentry Intern
Reports To: Head Scenic Carpenter
Supervises: None
Works closely with: All Shop Departments

Summary:

Located in Indianola, Iowa the company will produce three exciting new productions in a summer repertory schedule, within the intimate 467-seat theatre at the Blank Performing Arts Center. Our 54th season consists of 3 mainstage productions with 2 new productions being built specific for DMMO's stage and the third built as a major co-production. DMMO is one of America's boldest Opera Companies (as reported by the New York Times) and was nominated for its 2024 season for an International Opera Award. Join our team in this a critical role to work on some of the most challenging, bold, intense, visually stunning, complex and rewarding productions of your career!

As an Equal Opportunity Employer, Des Moines Metro Opera celebrates diversity and inclusion. We do not discriminate against any employee or job applicant on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, creed, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, disability, age, veteran status, political affiliation or philosophy. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

The below responsibilities are in no means a complete list of tasks/responsibilities.

- Work in the scenic shop to prepare, build, and modify scenery for the festival season.
- Assistant in warehouse / scenic shop organization of the scenery.
- Work with the stage & scenic carpentry teams on stage for any notes, repairs and modifications needed for the scenery.
- Participate as a crew member for set-up rep changes if needed.
- Build and construct scenery and other items with wood, metal and other materials.

Extra opportunities:

- Workshops and talkbacks.
- Ability to work with other stage crews (such as stage carpentry, video, sound, props) as available.

Dates of In-Person Employment:

Arrival Date:	Monday, May 25, 2026 by 5pm
First Work Day:	Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Last Work Day:	Thursday, July 23, 2026
Departure Date:	Friday, July 24, 2026 by Noon

Compensation:

Base pay rate, per hour:	\$12 .00
Overtime pay rate, per hour (after 40):	1.5x the hourly rate

\$350 travel stipend to be paid upon arrival.

DMMO will provide single occupancy air-conditioned room in dorm-style 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:

- Currently enrolled in or graduated from a theatrical training program.
- Some experience working in a scenic shop and basic knowledge of power tools and hand tools.
- Verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be at least 18 years of age to apply

Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:

- Work includes extended periods of standing, working in low light, climbing stairs/ladders, and may include working in a personnel lift.
- Ability to operate hand, air and power tools.
- Work includes being in an open-air environment during the summer.
- Ability to lift 50lbs / ability to lift heavy objects/scenery properly/safely.
- All team must supply their own protective toed footwear.
- Ideally, a driver's License and ability to drive a cargo van.
- OSHA 10 or greater qualifications.

Application Process:

Submit resume, with three (3) references and a cover letter via email to production@dmmo.org.

Please include “**Scenic Carp Intern**” as the subject line.

For more information on this position, contact crodney@dmmo.org

Deadline:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Applicant screening process expected to begin near the end-of January of 2026.