

DES MOINES METRO OPERA OPERA Iowa AUDITIONS

Chicago October 23-24, 2009
New York October 26-31, 2009
Baton Rouge November 7, 2009



DMMO is holding auditions to complete the casting needs for OPERA Iowa, its highly successful traveling educational outreach troupe. The OPERA Iowa contract period will run from January 3 - April 11, 2010. Compensation starts at \$5,600 per contract, in addition to travel, per diem and housing while touring. Repertory will include fully staged, piano-accompanied productions of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* for high school and evening concert audiences and performances of Patterson's *A Dream Fulfilled* and Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* for elementary school audiences. OPERA Iowa artists are offered positions in the 2010 Apprentice Artist Program.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To be considered for a live or recorded audition, please submit the items listed below. (Only completed applications will be considered.)

- \$20 NON-REFUNDABLE application fee payable to DMMO
- Completed application form (available for download in the Auditions/Jobs section at www.desmoinesmetroopera.org.)
- Current résumé
- Two letters of recommendation written within the past two years
- 8x10 photograph
- For recorded audition consideration only: CD is preferred, DVD or cued VHS video tape is acceptable. Include two arias of contrasting style.
- Non-US citizens only: proof of right to work in the United States

A live audition is not guaranteed and a preliminary recording is not necessary if you wish to be considered for a live audition only. All recordings submitted under the "recorded audition" category will be heard.

Please contact Michael Egel at (515) 961-6221 with any questions about the application process.

ABOUT DMMO:

Des Moines Metro Opera is one of the country's premier summer opera festivals, with an annual operating budget of approximately \$2,000,000 and featuring nearly 200 talented singers, musicians, coaches, conductors, and directors.

Under the leadership of Founding Artistic Director Dr. Robert Larsen, Des Moines Metro Opera has presented some 600 performances of 115 productions since 1973. Hailed by the *Kansas City Star* as "a national treasure," patrons and the critical press (including *Opera News*) come from across the country to enjoy this summer festival presented in an intimate 488-seat theatre located on the campus of Simpson College in Indianola.