

DES MOINES METRO OPERA 2011 AUDITIONS PRINCIPAL ARTISTS

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2011 Des Moines Metro Opera season. Our Chicago auditions will be held October 29 & 30 and New York on November 1-6, 2010.

Des Moines Metro Opera is one of the country's premiere summer opera festivals, with an annual operating budget of over \$2,000,000. The Company features nearly 200 talented singers, musicians, coaches, conductors, directors and staff in three productions each season. 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.

For the 2011 Summer Festival Season, DMMO will perform Puccini's *La Bohème*, Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* and Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. Principal singers will be in residence from May 28-July 17 with performances in repertory beginning June 24, 2011. Artists may be engaged for one or more roles. In addition to performance fees, shared apartment housing and travel stipends are provided to principal artists.

Generally, DMMO engages principal artists through management. Limited time will be available for artists without management who are auditioning only for principal roles. Due to significant time constraints, it will not be possible for DMMO to schedule a live audition for every applicant. An accompanist is provided for all auditions. Artists will most likely be heard for the following principal roles in the 2011 repertory:

BOHÈME: Rodolfo, Mimi, Musetta, Colline, Benoit/Alcindoro (Marcello is cast)

PASQUALE: Pasquale, Norina, Ernesto (Malatesta is cast)

DIALOGUES: Blanche, Constance, Mother Marie, the Chevalier, the Old Prioress, the Marquis (Lidoine is cast)

Please note that it is possible some roles will be cast before the Chicago and New York auditions.

Please submit the following to:

Principal Artist Auditions
Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc.
106 West Boston Ave., Indianola, IA 50125-1836:

- \$20 NON-REFUNDABLE application fee (payable to DMMO)
- Completed audition request form (detach below)
- Current résumé containing professional reference and contact information
- 8 x 10 photograph
- Role suggestion(s)/interest for 2011 season

Materials must be postmarked by October 1, 2010

Audition Request Form DETACH & RETURN

Please check days you are available to audition for Des Moines Metro Opera.

CHICAGO Oct 29 Oct 30

NEW YORK Nov 1 Nov 2 Nov 3 Nov 4 Nov 5 Nov 6

Name: _____ Voice Type: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (preferred): _____ (alternate): _____

Email: _____

Role suggestion(s) from 2011 repertory: _____

Have you previously auditioned for Des Moines Metro Opera? No Yes, year _____