

## **Internship Description: Assistant to the Stage Director at Sarasota Opera**

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### Overview:

The Sarasota Opera is seeking a dedicated and passionate individual to join our team as an intern assisting the stage director. This internship provides a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the world of opera production, working closely with seasoned professionals in a dynamic and artistic environment.

### Responsibilities:

The intern will play a crucial role in supporting the stage director and the production team. Key responsibilities include:

- Rehearsal Assistance: Assist in the coordination and management of rehearsals, ensuring that schedules are adhered to and that all necessary materials and props are available. This includes taking detailed notes during rehearsals and ensuring that all participants are informed of any changes or updates.
- Stage Management Support: Work closely with the stage manager to help maintain order and efficiency during rehearsals and performances. This involves setting up the stage, managing props, and assisting with scene changes.
- Administrative Duties: Provide administrative support to the stage director, including organizing scripts, preparing rehearsal schedules, and maintaining communication with cast and crew members. The intern will also be responsible for managing and distributing production notes and updates.
- Technical Coordination: Liaise with technical staff to ensure that lighting, sound, and set design requirements are met. This includes attending technical rehearsals and assisting in troubleshooting any technical issues that arise.
- Performance Support: Be present during performances to assist the stage director and stage manager with any last-minute needs or adjustments.

### Qualifications:

- Education: Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a program in theatre, performing arts, or a related field.
- Experience: Prior experience in theatre production, stage management, or a related area is preferred but not required. A strong interest in opera and the performing arts is essential.
- Skills: Excellent organizational and communication skills, with the ability to work under pressure and manage multiple tasks simultaneously. A keen eye for detail and a proactive approach to problem-solving.
- Team Player: Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse team of artists, technicians, and administrators. A positive attitude and a willingness to learn are crucial.
- Flexibility: Willingness to work irregular hours, including evenings and weekends, as required by the rehearsal and performance schedule.

### Benefits:

- Gain invaluable experience and insight into the production of professional opera.
- Work closely with experienced professionals and artists.
- Develop a broad range of skills applicable to careers in the performing arts and beyond.
- Receive a stipend to cover expenses related to the internship.

### Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a cover letter detailing their interest in the internship, and a list of references to *Marco Nisticò, Artistic Administrator* (email: [mnistico@sarasotaopera.org](mailto:mnistico@sarasotaopera.org)). Applications should be sent by July 31.

### About Sarasota Opera:

The Sarasota Opera, renowned for its high-quality productions and dedication to the preservation of the operatic tradition, offers a nurturing environment for young artists and professionals. Our mission is to produce world-class opera while fostering the next generation of opera talent through educational and outreach programs. For more information about the Sarasota Opera, visit our website at [www.sarasotaopera.org](http://www.sarasotaopera.org)

Join us at Sarasota Opera for an enriching internship experience that will enhance your skills and ignite your passion for the performing arts.