

Job Title: Wig and Make up Designer
Reports to: Artistic Director
Works Closely with: Director of Production, Costume Designer, Wig and Makeup Staff, and select Artistic staff

About Sarasota Opera

Sarasota Opera, which owns its 1926 historic theater, renovated in 2008, produces a Winter festival season with four operas in repertory from January to March, and a Fall season of varying size. Throughout both seasons, Sarasota Opera offers additional special events and concerts.

Position Summary

The Wig and Make up Designer is a seasonal independent contractor who is responsible for styling and construction of wigs and facial hair, designing and supervising show makeup, and overseeing styling of performers' own hair for the 24-25 Season. The season encompasses four Winter mainstage opera productions, as well as a mainstage Youth Opera production and Concert in the Fall. The Wig and Makeup Designer is responsible for organizing the wig and makeup shop, supervising wig and makeup staff and maintaining the artistic integrity of each production.

Duties may include but are not limited to:

- Design all wig and makeup elements within the artistic aesthetic of the Sarasota Opera established by the Artistic Director
- Supervise the build, rental, purchase, and maintenance of all wigs and facial hair
- Theatrical makeup and wig application for all singers
- Conduct all wig/ hair fittings
- Attend all designer runs, photo calls, and dress rehearsals
- Participation in scheduling wig and makeup staff and assigning show call times
- Facilitating the cleaning and maintenance of all wig and makeup equipment

Position Requirements

The successful candidate will possess the following knowledge and skills:

- At least five years of experience in theatrical wig and makeup design
- Proficiency in theatrical makeup application
- Knowledge of Opera style makeup application, and period hair styling
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Ability to work in a demanding repertory environment
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office, especially Outlook, Word, and Excel

Dates and Pay

- Availability from 10/7/24 - 11/17/24 for the Fall and 1/6/25 - 4/1/25 for the Winter
- The ideal candidate will be available for both seasons
- This is a seasonal independent contractor position, the rate of pay ranges from \$850 to \$950+ per week based on previous experience. Housing, with private bedroom and potentially shared common spaces, and travel, either round trip airfare or travel stipend are provided.

Please Note

- We encourage BIPOC, LGBTQ+ candidates, and other historically excluded identities to apply
- To apply send a cover letter and resume including three references to prodjobs@sarasotaopera.org with "Wig and Makeup Designer - your last name" in the subject line
- Please tell us how you heard about this posting
- All applications are welcome, but only those being considered will be contacted.
- For more information, visit www.sarasotaopera.org
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