

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The Production Assistant position at Madison Opera offers a hands-on experience in a professional opera environment. This paid position is ideal for college and high school students, and can be listed on college applications, job applications, and résumés. It is a great way to network for those interested in a career in opera.

The PA does a few hours during prep week and attends all chorus staging rehearsals, all tech rehearsals, and performances. They are part of the team and are included in all production-related events. Tasks are assigned based on interest and aptitude, but may include:

- help the stage management team with rehearsal operations
- cuing cast members
- taping out the floor
- monitoring cast arrivals at the call board

A PA gains experience with a professional stage management team and other opera professionals in a learning environment. A PA will learn organizational skills, people skills, communication skills, teamwork, the importance of attention to detail, time management skills, and more. These skills can be transferred to any field.

No prior experience is necessary. Ability to read music is preferred, and will open up more tasks. Interest in stage management, willingness to learn and be helpful are a must.

In exchange for their help, PAs get a stipend of \$100 per production, parking at the Madison Opera Center garage, and two complimentary tickets.

We have 2-3 positions each season, which can be for one opera or all three.

For more information, fill out the on-line form or email krynicky@madisonopera.org.