

2025 Opera Music Director Posting

Company: Modern Vintage Opera
Location: Simsbury, CT
Job Location: On-Site / In Person
Job Type: Temporary
Performance: June 2025

Position Description

Modern Vintage Opera (MVO) is now accepting applications for the position of Music Director for the operas *Bastien and Bastienne* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*

The selected individual will work directly alongside the Stage Director in all aspects of the music development throughout the rehearsal and performance process.

This position will be responsible for facilitating music rehearsals for the two, one-hour operas.

Working nights and weekends will be required.

About the Operas :

Bastien und Bastienne is a singspiel by Mozart featuring 3 characters. It is the story of a shepherdess who is in love with a shepherd and gets assisted by a charlatan magician to use his “magic” to reunite them.

Cavalleria Rusticana is a tragedy by Mascagni that also features a small village with villagers with love affairs gone awry. In this case, it results in a duel which ends in the death of the male lead. The cast consists of 5 characters plus a chorus.

Duties and Responsibilities will include:

- Providing accompaniment for rehearsals and performances.
- Determining how music rehearsals will be conducted
- Work with Stage Director to determine rehearsal schedule
- Oversight of all aspects of the music
- Provide coaching where appropriate. Maintain effective communication with all members of the ensemble
- Note: Ensemble will include non-professionals alongside professional section leaders so additional assistance/rehearsal time may be required

Skills, Experience, & Qualifications:

- Professional music director experience.
- Strong piano skills

- Experience as a répétiteur
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to perform under pressure and maintain professional demeanor.
- Strong attention to detail.

Expectations

Ability to work nights and weekends.

Meet dates as scheduled.

Must be on-site during the rehearsal process.

Raise and discuss any developments with the director and the producers.

Approximate Timeframes:

Final Cut Selection: Nov 2024 (working alongside Stage Director)

Cast Selection: Nov 2024 - Dec 2024

Rehearsal timeframe: May 2025 - June 2025; including technical and dress.

Performance Dates: June 13,15,20,22, 2025 (subject to change)

Compensation: \$1000

Additional allowance for travel and housing is not available.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants for the position are asked to apply by one of the following methods.

1. Print and fill out the [Director Application](#) form and email along with a resume to ModernVintageOpera@gmail.com
2. Enter data into an MVO [Online Application](#) form and email a resume to the above address.

Application Deadline: November 4, 2024