

School of Music and Dance

San Diego State University

Lecturer: Director of Opera

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The School of Music and Dance is seeking a lecturer to direct opera theatre. The position is a temporary part-time position beginning August 19, 2016. The position requires the candidate to produce, direct, teach, and supervise one opera production during the Fall semester and direct and produce opera workshop, which may include scenes programs, acting classes for singers, stage movement, etc. in the Spring semester. The candidate will be encouraged to contribute to collaborative relationships across the School of Music and Dance, cultivate and maintain active connections with the San Diego Opera, and participate in the recruitment and retention of outstanding students.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Advanced degree in Music is required. A degree in opera directing or a terminal degree in Music is preferred. Experience as an opera director at the university or professional level is required. The successful candidate will possess opera directing skills at the highest level, and demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the complexities of producing a university opera performance. The candidate should possess superior administrative and organizational skills and be able to work with students, faculty, and staff to develop a cohesive production team.

RANK AND SALARY:

Appointment will be at a salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

APPLICATION:

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should email PDF materials to operadirectorsearch@mail.sdsu.edu

Please submit the following required application materials:

- Cover letter addressed to: Dr. Charles Friedrichs, Director, School of Music and Dance
- Curriculum vita
- Two-three current letters of recommendation that address the candidate's qualifications for this position
- Reference list of three-five individuals familiar with the candidate's professional experience (please include updated contact information)
- URLs to three to six online video clips (YouTube or Vimeo) of 5–30 minutes each that demonstrate the candidate's directing and teaching skills.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

The School of Music and Dance offers music degrees for undergraduates and graduates in music (BA, BM, MA, MM, Advanced Artist Diploma) and dance (BA, BFA.) The School enrolls over 325 majors and serves thousands of general students each academic year through its general education courses, performing ensemble opportunities and public performances. 15 full-time, 16 part-time, and approximately 30 studio instructors deliver comprehensive professional curricula. The School of Music and Dance is part of the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts. Website: www.musicdance.sdsu.edu

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS (PSFA):

The College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts comprises seven professional schools and three departments committed to the pursuit of excellence in academic and artistic endeavors. With over 5,000 majors and approximately 300 faculty, PSFA is recognized for excellent academic programs that prepare students for professional careers in a wide spectrum of artistic, cultural, educational, social and technical fields. The College views its connection to the local and global community as a “laboratory for learning” and educational opportunities that prepare the student to engage in the worldwide community through creativity, involvement, leadership and innovation are a hallmark of the PSFA experience. The College is home to the campus initiative Arts Alive SDSU that integrates arts events and arts practices into the curriculum and values art as a campus-wide priority on par with other major university strategic goals. The College actively seeks

applications from candidates whose professional interests align with SDSU and PSFA's strategic goals, who will sustain excellence in their research or creative endeavors, promote student success, and continue to advance our commitment to diversity. Web site: <http://psfa.sdsu.edu/>

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

SDSU is an established and acknowledged leader in the twenty-three-campus California State University system. With more than 7,700 faculty and staff and 35,000 students, it is one of the largest universities in the western United States. It is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral-granting institution with high research activity and receives over \$115 million in external research grants and awards annually. The student body is among the most diverse in the United States and SDSU is known for cultivating a welcoming environment with a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusive excellence whether such diversity is presented through cultural, racial, sexual identity or veteran status. As such, SDSU has received national recognition ranging from the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award (HEED), being one of the nation's best universities for women *Professional Women's Magazine*, among the Best Colleges for Veterans by the *Military Times*, and as a top LGBT Friendly campus according to CampusPride.org.

SDSU website: www.sdsu.edu.

The person holding this position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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