

Stitcher/Wardrobe Run Crew Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Summer 2026

PROFILE:

Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point (www.opera.org) is seeking a Stitcher/Wardrobe Run crew member for its 2026 season. Now preparing for its 76th season, Opera in the Ozarks is a training program for aspiring opera singers in beautiful Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The company runs three mainstage productions in repertory (7-8 performances each) and a smaller, traveling studio artist production for a one-month season, mid-June to mid-July. The company comprises 40 vocal artists supported by an artistic/administrative staff of 25 and a paid orchestra of 25. 2026 productions: Bernstein's *Candide*, Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, and two one-act operas by Puccini, *Suor Angelica* and *Gianni Schicchi*. The Studio Artist program's production is *Monkey See, Monkey Do* by Robert Xavier Rodríguez.

DESCRIPTION:

Stitcher/Wardrobe crew member will report to the Costume Designer/Shop Manager. Our stitchers create and maintain costumes for four productions along with running shows backstage for our summer season. Successful candidates will have experience in clothing construction including machine and hand sewing; know how to apply interfacings, zippers, buttonholes, etc.; understand commercial patterns and be able to follow verbal instructions; be comfortable working backstage and under pressure; and have a cheerful attitude and a desire to learn continually. Familiarity with period clothing is a plus. Extended hours will be required during build period, including nights and weekends. Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Participating in all daily tasks in the costume shop
- Participating in the execution of costume fitting, construction, modifications and alterations
- Participating in crafts as needed
- Supervising and mentoring a crew of artists and volunteer workers
- Will work well under pressure and maintain a positive team spirit
- Attending dress rehearsals as a backstage crew
- Assisting in pulling from stock, reorganization, and restocking of costume storage and work areas
- Acting as a wardrobe crew during the complete run of the performance
- Maintaining costumes, accessories, and wigs during complete run of the performances
- The successful applicant will be a creative, reliable, talented problem solver

The successful candidates will be hired as an independent contractor and no taxes will be withheld. Compensation includes \$3000, a private air-conditioned room and bathroom and meals seven days/week for the period of the contract May 18-July 26, 2026.

Review of applications will begin November and continues until the position is filled.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please send the following as PDF attachments to Chris Cathcart, operations director opsdirector@opera.org.

1. Letter of application outlining qualifications for the position
2. Curriculum vitae or resume detailing experience
3. Link to professional website or portfolio if available
4. List of three references, including email addresses and phone numbers