

# DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Seattle Opera is accepting applications for the position of Director of Education and invites qualified parties to consider this very rare senior leadership opportunity to join the region's premiere opera company and participate in our mission to produce musically extraordinary, theatrically compelling operas.

Seattle Opera is recognized internationally for the quality of its productions and as the pre-eminent presenter in North America of the works of Richard Wagner including the complete cycle of Wagner's *Ring des Nibelungen*.

This is a full-time, salaried position that refers to the General Director regarding artistic goals and objectives and reports to the Executive Director regarding strategic alignment with overall Company goals and administrative accountability.

The functions and responsibilities for this position are broad and include development and direction of the Company's Education programs and activities in order to both build and expand future audiences and enrich the experiences of adult audiences already familiar with opera.

With a focus on programs provided to schools and to adults, the work of the position is strategic in nature and relies upon the incumbent's ability to establish and nurture beneficial partnerships within the community at large as well as the ability to leverage internal resources. [Education Program information is available in the department's Newsletter.](#)

## Qualifications

- Bachelors Degree in Education, Arts, Humanities or related, equivalent studies with at least 5 years teaching experience.
- Knowledge of opera, humanities and education.
- Lecture experience in situations demanding a high standard of public speaking skill.
- Background working with non-profits, education, arts and governmental agencies for the purpose of education , promotion and fundraising.
- Skills in research, public speaking, written and verbal communication and administrative management – including basic business acumen and demonstration of fiscal responsibility.
- Demonstrated ability to build audience engagement and develop lasting partnerships with educators, community educational institutions, and programs.
- Incumbent must be able to work evenings and weekends as required for Education programs and must have access to transportation for same.

## Compensation

Salary - DOE. Seattle Opera offers a generous benefit package that includes company paid medical, dental, vision, life and disability, generous pension, access to a tax deferred savings plan, in addition to paid holidays and vacation.

## Application

Along with a complete resume, your cover letter should address: why you wish to work for Seattle Opera; which issues you believe are most critical in the area of opera education today, and a brief summary of your success in those areas. Those selected for further consideration will be contacted directly and may be asked to provide a brief presentation at time of interview.

## Contact

Please submit application materials to: Janice Bondar, Director of Human Resources - P.O. Box 9248, Seattle, WA 98109  
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