



19/20 Artist Services Student Staff Position

The University Musical Society (UMS) is a leading multi-disciplinary performing arts presenting organization. While proudly affiliated with the University of Michigan, UMS is a separate non-profit organization that supports itself through ticket sales, individual and corporate contributions, foundation and government grants, endowment income, and proceeds from benefit events. UMS offers approximately 65 performances (September through April) each season by top-ranking international artists including symphony orchestras, dance and theater companies, and a wide array of chamber music ensembles, solo recitalists, jazz artists, world music artists, opera, choral groups, and special attractions performed in several diverse University and community venues.

This student staff position provides experience to students who have an interest in the related fields of arts administration and presenting. All student staff make a commitment to work an average of 8-10 hours per week. In addition to hourly pay, Artist Services student staff members will receive valuable experience and contacts in various aspects of the performing arts, and tickets to most UMS performances.

To apply:

Please forward your cover letter and resume to umsinternships@umich.edu.

Please make sure you state what position or positions you are applying for in the cover letter.

JOB TITLE: UMS Artist Services Student Staff
DEPARTMENT: Production / Programming
REPORTS TO: Artist Services Manager, Production Director

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: Provide event support for UMS with a wide range of duties related to the presentation of seasonal concert performances as well as receptions and educational residency activities related to these performances.

REQUIRED HOURS: Average of 8-10 hours per week including many evenings and weekends, Blocks of 3-4 daytime hours a few days a week are particularly helpful. A flexible schedule is required - some weeks require more hours than others and some specific date availability is necessary. Hours will be assigned bi-monthly when possible based on UMS's calendar of events and each particular artist's needs.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

Production/Programming Events:

- Serving as a backstage support at UMS concerts alongside of Production & Artist Services staff to visiting artists. Being available for errands, artist transport, and addressing last-minute artist or event needs
- Drive/transport artists to airport, hotel, and venues as needed in University vehicles
- Shopping and set up of dressing rooms and backstage hospitality prior to artist arrival, during artist's time in venue, strike and load-out supplies and equipment following events
- Assist with backstage crowd control and other various artist needs during and following concerts
- Oversee set-up and strike of hospitality and green room area as needed
- Gather program changes and encores for post-concert reports
- Assist Front-of-House staff with merchandise sales and signings, load-out of programs, etc.
- Represent UMS at events and residency activities alongside UMS Staff, including pre-performance lectures, school day performances, master classes, in-class/school visits, artist interviews, pre/post-performance receptions, and teacher workshops
- If possible, student may be assigned special projects that reflect personal interests and career goals
- Help track performance budget expenses

SECONDARY DUTIES: In-Office:

- Assembling artist welcome packets.
- Managing Artist Welcome Letters process
- Other duties as needed

Specific Qualifications:

- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, professionalism with the public and high-profile artists, the ability to work with persons from diverse backgrounds and the ability to keep sensitive information confidential.
- Be reliable, flexible, patient, enthusiastic, and outgoing
- Excellent attention to detail
- Ability to take initiative and work independently, remaining calm and level-headed in a potentially stressful environment
- Ability to routinely move equipment and supplies weighing up to 50 lbs. across campus and between other various southeast Michigan locations for event needs using University Vehicles and at times by hand trucks or other wheeled equipment
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Google Applications

Desired Qualifications:

- This position involves traveling and transporting supplies and equipment to various locations on and off campus using various modes of transport
- This position involves transporting artists to and from the airport, and between local accommodations and various venues on and off campus using university vehicles.
- Event coordination, hospitality industry or catering experience is helpful
- Pursuit of college degree in area of fine arts, design, communications, or English is helpful but not necessary
- Have an interest in the performing arts

UMS offers student opportunities in several departments.

Please follow this link to find the complete list ums.org/about/jobs.