



Position Description

Position Title:	Lehrer Vocal Institute Stitcher
Department:	Artistic Operations
Location:	Santa Barbara, CA
Status:	Seasonal, Full-Time, Non-Exempt
Employment Period:	Monday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Position Description

The Stitcher executes costume construction and alterations as assigned by the Costume Shop Supervisor & Costume Designer, contributing to the creation and refinement of garments for opera performers.

Position Responsibilities

- Construct, alter, and finish garments to designer specifications.
- Execute both machine sewing and hand-sewn techniques with precision.
- Assist with fittings, take clear notes, and incorporate corrections accurately.
- Maintain a clean, organized workstation and follow shop safety protocols.
- Support other shop tasks including cutting, pressing, labeling, and repairs.
- Ensure costumes are of professional quality and completed on schedule.
- **Reports To:** Production Director & Costume Supervisor

Candidate Profile

The Music Academy values colleagues with diverse perspectives who thrive in a collaborative, highly communicative workplace. Our administration collectively informs and agrees upon the organization's expectations for teamwork, including a positive, goal-oriented environment that positions every employee for success.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate some, if not all, of the following:

- Strong skills in garment construction, hand finishing, and alterations.
- Experience working in a theatrical costume shop or similar professional environment.
- Ability to follow directions and collaborate effectively within a team.
- Knowledge of stretch fabrics, historical garments, and opera-specific movement needs is a plus.

Additional Requirements

- Frequent travel between Music Academy's Miraflores campus and off-site venues

Compensation and Benefits

This is a seasonal, non-exempt, full-time position. Compensation is \$21 - \$25 per hour, commensurate with skills and experience. Seasonal employees are not eligible for Music Academy benefits unless required by law. Housing is included during the summer residency for those not based in the Santa Barbara area. Complimentary tickets are offered when available.

Application Process

Please email a letter of interest and current resume to hr@musicacademy.org, using the subject header **LVI Stitcher**. PDF format only. No phone calls, please. A background screening will be performed as a condition of employment.

Application review will begin in January and interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis. Positions will be posted on our website career page while they remain active, and will be removed once a position has been filled.

The Music Academy is an equal opportunity employer. We aim to create a diverse and inclusive work environment and we value each employee's unique experiences and perspectives.

About the Music Academy of the West

The mission of the Music Academy of the West is to provide classically trained musicians and diverse audiences with transformative educational and performance experiences. We support musicians to expand their talents, inspire each other, and pursue artistic innovation.

As part of its annual Summer Music Festival & School, the Academy presents the Fellowship Institute, which trains up to 150 fellows ages 18–34, alongside the new High School Intensive, a two-week program for 105 gifted musicians ages 14–18. Year-round programs include *Sing!*, a youth choir that performs with local, national, and international partners; and the Mariposa Concert Series, featuring Academy-affiliated artists. Each summer, the Festival showcases more than 100 performances and events, including masterclasses, competitions, and a fully staged opera. ***The 2026 Summer Music Festival & School will run June 14–August 8, 2026. The complete performance lineup for the Festival will be unveiled in early 2026.***

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