San José State University - San José, California

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Subject to Budgetary Approval

School of Music and Dance
Specialization: Vocal Instructor/Opera Direction
Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)

Job Opening ID (JOID): 25101

Qualifications:

Terminal degree (MA or MFA) by time of appointment; ABD candidates will be considered. Applicants must have a background in teaching voice, as well as experience in directing opera repertoire. Faculty experience at the university level, including planning opera repertoire, will be taken into consideration. We are looking for candidates who augment and extend the current strengths of the program, particularly inclusive collaborative experiences. The preferred candidate will be an individual who is highly motivated, engaged and creative, with a well-articulated agenda for sustained and future creative and pedagogical engagement.

Applicants should demonstrate awareness of and sensitivity to educational goals of a diverse population as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching and other comparable experience. The School is interested in candidates who can contribute to an interdisciplinary “Deep Humanities & Arts” initiative that is motivated by the recognition that the arts and humanities have a critical role to play in the formative moment of the design of technology.

We are committed to substantially increasing the proportion of our faculty from historically underrepresented groups, and we highly encourage candidates from historically underrepresented groups to apply.

Responsibilities:

The SJSU School of Music & Dance is seeking an Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera to help expand the prominence of a nationally recognized and highly visible vocal and opera program. Teaching responsibilities will include vocal instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels, undergraduate core courses, and direction of select dramatic works suitable for student singers. Depending on the candidate, courses may include Art Song Repertoire and Opera History. Administrative and service responsibilities include recruitment, advisement and contributing to the Voice program in areas reflective of the candidate’s strengths, participation in the growth, development, and administration of the program and department, and engagement in faculty meetings, committees, and other services.

Candidates must address the needs of a student population of great diversity – in age, cultural background, ethnicity, primary language and academic preparation – through inclusive course materials, teaching strategies and advisement. In the application, candidates should demonstrate the potential for successful university teaching, vocal performance ability, and collegial participation in service activities appropriate to the assigned teaching load and the expectations of the School of Music.

Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 13, 2020

Eligibility: Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.
Application Procedure:

For full consideration, submit an electronic packet that includes: (1) letter of application; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) statement of teaching interests/philosophy; (4) research plans; and (5) at least three references with contact information by noon October 15, 2019 to Dr. Fred Cohen, Director of the School of Music and Dance via Interfolio at https://apply.interfolio.com/66876. Official transcripts and confidential letters of recommendation will be required of finalists.

Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Fred Cohen: Fred.Cohen@sjsu.edu. Please include JOID in all correspondence.

San José State University enrolls over 33,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. As such, this position is for scholars interested in a career at a national leader in graduating URM students. SJSU is a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Serving Institution; 40% of our students are first-generation, and 38% are Pell-qualified. The university is currently ranked fifth nationally in increasing student upward mobility. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students, and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.

San José State University is California’s oldest institution of public higher learning. Located in downtown San José (Pop. 1,000,000) in the heart of Silicon Valley, SJSU is part of one of the most innovative regions in the world. As Silicon Valley’s public university, SJSU combines dynamic teaching, research, and university-industry experiences to prepare students to address the biggest problems facing society. SJSU is a member of the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system.