VACANCY NOTICE – THEATRE ARTS

POSITION: 
Assistant Professor or Instructor of Theatre Arts (Design); full-time, tenure-track position.

APPOINTMENT DATE: 
August 12, 2013

QUALIFICATIONS: 
We seek an individual with enthusiasm for and commitment to teaching design and technical theatre to undergraduates in a small, residential college setting. The University of Minnesota, Morris has a national reputation for its high academic quality and its liberal arts mission, with a commitment to sustainability and the environment. MFA or Ph.D. in Scenic Design and/or Stage Lighting and/or Scenography preferred; ABD in those fields will be considered. Appointment will be as Assistant Professor with Ph.D. or MFA, as Instructor with ABD. The latter must have the Ph.D. conferred by January 31, 2014 for reappointment. Documented experience in teaching, designing, and building scenery at the professional or college level is required, as well as experience in computer generated design (expertise in Vectorworks and Photoshop is essential) and other relevant technologies. Experience in costume, sound or projection design would be considered a plus.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 
Teaching: Stagecraft, Scenic Design, Computer Assisted Drawing, Stage Lighting, Fundamentals of Design, Scene Painting and/or other courses as required by the discipline and division or within the candidate’s area of expertise. The successful candidate would also work with other theatre faculty to develop the design curriculum to reflect advances in design technologies; he/she would also advance the institution’s liberal arts mission by developing courses that may also appeal to a broad range of students. Production: Design scenery (or supervise student or guest designers) and supervise its construction; design stage lighting (or supervise student or guest designers) for 2-3 discipline productions annually. The position is also responsible for overseeing the scene shop and each production’s technical elements with the assistance of a staff member, who functions as the theatre’s technical director and shop supervisor, as well as a work-study student staff and theatre practicum students. The successful candidate would be committed to a strong collaborative process between designer and director.

The successful candidate must be committed to productive scholarship and/or creative activity, as well as to the programmatic development of the UMM theatre program. Service and outreach to the university, community, and profession are essential.

SALARY: 
Commensurate with experience.

APPLICATION: 
Please fill out the on-line application form (only the application form; send by regular mail the rest of the application documents) at the University of Minnesota Online Employment System at https://employment.umn.edu. Then send cover letter of application, vita, unofficial transcripts of undergraduate and graduate courses, evidence of design experience (links to websites are welcome), a statement of teaching philosophy within the liberal arts context, and three or more letters of recommendation written within the last three years to:

Theatre Arts Search Committee
Division of the Humanities
University of Minnesota, Morris
600 East 4th Street
Morris, Minnesota 56267
Review of candidates will begin on December 7, 2012; the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Minnesota, Morris is a residential public liberal arts college serving about 1900 students. As one of five campuses of the University of Minnesota, The Morris campus is located 160 miles west of Minneapolis in the rural community of Morris, MN. Morris is consistently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Top 10 Best Public Liberal Arts College. The student body is talented, diverse and engaged. The Morris student body is one of the most ethnically diverse in the University of Minnesota system with 20% students of color (13% are American Indian students) and a growing international student population.

The college values diversity in its students, faculty, and staff. The college is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute to the diversity of our community through their teaching, research, and/or service because we believe that diversity enriches the classroom and research experience at the University.

The University of Minnesota shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

To request disability accommodation or material in alternative formats contact: UMM Human Resources, (320)-589-6024, Room309, Behmler Hall, Morris, MN.