



Music Director Job Description

Pacific Spirit Choir is searching for an experienced and passionate part-time Music Director. We are an auditioned SATB choir of about 60 singers (90 pre-pandemic). Our repertoire ranges from large oratorios and masses of composers from the 17th to the 21st century, to shorter choral gems, ancient to modern. We are accompanied by soloists, piano, organ, and orchestra, as appropriate. Our primary venue, West Vancouver United Church, boasts excellent acoustics, a fine Bosendorfer grand piano, and an excellent organ.

The successful candidate will be responsible for organizing, rehearsing, and conducting both the choir and orchestra, as well as collaborating with other artistic staff to create an exceptional performance experience for our audiences.

Qualifications

- A minimum of 5 years' experience conducting choral performances with orchestra.
- Excellent knowledge of composers, music repertoire, and conducting techniques.
- A proven track record of successful performances.
- An interest in and/or experience with choir tours would be appreciated.

Responsibilities

- Propose each annual season of performances, with cost estimates, for Board approval.
- Lead weekly rehearsals and conduct a 60-90 person choir as well as orchestra for performances.
- Negotiate terms and conditions for accompanist, orchestra, soloists, section leads, and additional musicians.
- Support the librarian in making music available to singers.
- Report regularly to the Board and attend meetings as required.
- Collaborate with other artistic staff, including soloists, to create exceptional performances.
- Prepare and lead sectional rehearsals as needed.
- Ensure all performers are prepared and ready to perform.
- Audition and assist with recruitment of new members.
- Possible oversight of assistant conductors.
- Provide program notes.
- Attend to administrative duties as required.

The position offers a competitive salary package and the opportunity to work with a dynamic and dedicated team.

If you are an experienced conductor who is passionate about choral music, please submit your resume and cover letter for consideration. Submissions should be in PDF documents sent by email to search@pacificspiritchoir.com. Short-listed candidates will be contacted for interviews and auditions. Submissions will be accepted until the position is filled.