



PENINSULA SINGERS

of Sequim, Washington

July 2024

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

Description

We are searching for a passionate, energetic, community-minded choral artist to serve as our next Music Director, a dedicated and enthusiastic individual with a love for choral music. If this describes you, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Responsibilities

- Plan and create concert programs with community chorus repertoire that challenges the singers and appeals to audiences.
- Ensure that current season music is selected and purchased in conjunction with the music committee.
- Lead rehearsals and performances.
- Select music which fosters the musical growth of the singers.
- Plan and lead rehearsal and performance warm-ups appropriate to repertoire.
- Work with the accompanist and section leaders to ensure smooth rehearsals and performances.
- Lead and coordinate sectional rehearsals as needed.
- Organize all auditions. Select and coach soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists as needed.
- Manage the chorus schedule and coordinate rehearsals.
- Provide program notes for concerts.
- Maintain a positive, inclusive and focused environment for all chorus members.
- Promote the chorus within the community, expand membership and seek performance opportunities.
- Attend monthly Board of Directors meetings and report to the Board.
- Participate in fundraising and publicity as needed.

Details

Part time position - remuneration to be negotiated

Overseen - by the Board of Directors

Start date - Fall of 2024

Rehearsal Schedule - weekly rehearsals from September through May (approximately 20-25 per year) on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

Concert Schedule - Minimum of two weekend concerts per year (one winter, one spring), usually with two performances each.

Requirements

- BA or advanced degree in music, music education or choral conducting preferred.
- Proven experience as a choral director. Orchestral conducting experience is a plus.
- Strong knowledge of music theory and vocal technique.
- Ability to model good vocal technique for singers.
- Ability to teach and lead singers in creating expressive and meaningful performances.
- Comfortable working with a diverse group of adult volunteer singers of all ages with varying degrees of musical knowledge, experience and accomplishment.
- Excellent conducting and leadership skills.
- Excellent communication, listening and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to inspire and motivate chorus members.
- Knowledge of diverse choral repertoire.

Application Process

- Applicants should send CV, professional references and a brief Bio to conductorsearch@olympen.com.
- A follow-up response will come from a member of the search committee.
- Additional steps include an interview and a rehearsal with members of our chorus followed by an opportunity to talk with the members.
- If the committee wishes to hire the applicant, remuneration and other requirements will be negotiated.