

Position Summary

The Collaborative Pianist serves as the primary accompanist for the choir and supports the artistic and musical goals of the organization through skilled piano performance, rehearsal support, and collaboration with the Artistic Director. The pianist works closely with singers, section leaders, guest artists, and conductors to prepare and present high-quality choral performances throughout the concert season.

Reports To

Hired by the Board of Directors, reporting to the Artistic Director.

Position Classification

Independent Contractor (Part-Time)

Primary Responsibilities

Rehearsal Support

- Provide piano accompaniment for all regularly scheduled choir rehearsals.
- Assist the Artistic Director in teaching and reinforcing musical concepts, notes, rhythms, diction, and interpretation.
- Adapt accompaniment as needed to support efficient rehearsal processes.
- Attend and accompany sectional rehearsals, workshops, and special rehearsals as assigned.
- Be prepared with all assigned repertoire prior to rehearsals.
- Can stand in for Artistic Director during their absence.

Performance Responsibilities

- Serve as accompanist for all scheduled concert performances and dress rehearsals.
- Perform piano accompaniments at a professional level consistent with the artistic standards of the organization.
- Collaborate with guest soloists, instrumentalists, and ensembles as required.
- Participate in concert preparation activities as directed by the Artistic Director.

Musical Collaboration

- Work collaboratively with the Artistic Director in planning and preparing repertoire.
- Provide accompaniment for soloists and small ensembles as requested.
- Assist with vocal coaching sessions and musical preparation activities when needed.
- Maintain flexibility in adapting to changing rehearsal and performance needs.

Professional Expectations

- Attend all scheduled rehearsals, dress rehearsals, performances, workshops, and sectional rehearsals unless excused by the Artistic Director.
- Communicate promptly regarding scheduling conflicts or anticipated absences.
- Demonstrate professionalism, punctuality, reliability, and collegiality in all interactions.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding organizational matters as appropriate.
- Support the mission and artistic objectives of the choir.

Qualifications

- Advanced piano proficiency and sight-reading ability.
- Bachelor's degree in piano performance, master's degree preferred. Equivalent related academic degrees and/or experience will be considered
- Minimum 5 years experience accompanying choirs, vocal ensembles, or community choruses.
- Strong collaborative skills and ability to work effectively with conductors, singers, and guest musicians.
- Knowledge of choral repertoire and rehearsal techniques.
- Excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Ability to prepare music independently and perform confidently in public settings.
- Ability to accompany the choir on organ is desired.

Time Commitment

The position includes:

- Weekly rehearsals, typically Monday evenings, during the concert season (2 to 2.5 hours, late August through mid-May)
- Sectional rehearsals and workshops as scheduled, typically Saturday mornings, (3 to 3.5 hours)
- Dress rehearsals.
- Concert performances throughout the season.
- Additional coaching or ensemble sessions as requested by the Artistic Director.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to sit and perform at the piano for extended periods.
- Ability to transport and manage personal music materials.

Compensation

Compensation shall be established annually through an independent contractor agreement and may include fees for rehearsals, sectionals, workshops, dress rehearsals, coaching sessions, and concert performances.

Equal Opportunity Statement

The choir is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming musical community and encourages applications from qualified individuals of all backgrounds.