

Job Description

Music Director, Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus

Beginning 2020-2021 Season [Fall-Spring]

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Peoria Area Civic Chorale Board of Directors and Search Committee welcomes nominations and applications for the position of Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus Music Director available beginning July 20th of the 2020-2021 concert season. Qualifications: Minimum of a bachelor's degree in music education, music performance, or equivalent experience required. Previous experience teaching and directing a children's vocal ensemble is highly desirable.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS: Teaching, conducting, singer recruitment, auditioning, ensemble promotion, record keeping, event management, contracts and negotiation, budgeting, leadership, multitasking, and strong communication skills. Given the recent pandemic and the loss of the PACCYC's spring 2020 season, the new PACCYC music director will be expected to be actively engaged in new singer recruitment through the months of July and August.

ENSEMBLE DESCRIPTION: The Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus was founded in 1986 to provide singers (grades 4-8, unchanged voices) with extraordinary choral music experiences via outstanding music education and excellence in performance. Through a curriculum that uses high quality SSA and/or SSAA repertoire from a wide variety of music styles, this program strives to develop vocal and musicianship skills in the young singers who participate, providing them with opportunities to not only experience the joys of singing but to lead them to be expressive vocal artists. The PACCYC's rehearsal home is at the First United Methodist Church of Peoria on Perry & Main. They have weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 starting in late August through May.

AUDITION, REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES: Bi-annual auditions are held in August and January. The director may also wish to include a May audition directly following the spring concert season. Weekly Tuesday rehearsals are scheduled from 4:30-6:00 pm, a time identified as the most available rehearsal time for students in this age group. Bi-annual, public performances of the PACCYC are expected in October and April. These concerts involve the PACCYC, the PACC Preparatory Chorus, and special guest performers as determined at the discretion of the music director. The PACCYC is also expected to perform at the Peoria Area Civic Chorale's December and May concert series which are staged at the Caterpillar Performing Arts Auditorium at Five Points Washington. The PACCYC performs three, memorized songs for each series (i.e. Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the *American Family Christmas* concert series in December, and Friday and Saturday performances for the spring series in May.) Often, the PACCYC and PACC collaborate on one song for each concert series. This concept is encouraged but not mandatory. In addition, the PACCYC's dress rehearsal for guest appearances at Five Points Washington is typically scheduled from 6:15-6:45 pm on Thursday evening.

COMPENSATION: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

TO APPLY: Applications must include a personal letter of interest from the candidate, short resume, sample programs conducted by the candidate, and names and contact information for three professional references. References must include at least one professional musician. PDF attachments preferred. Please do not submit audio/video recordings or additional materials at this time. These materials will be requested from selected candidates. Finalists will be selected for an online interview during the week of July 6-10, 2020.

Please submit application materials electronically to PACCYCONDUCTORSEARCH@gmail.com by June 29th. Requests for additional information or questions may be directed to Dr. Joseph D. Henry, Artistic Director/Conductor of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale (jdhenrydma91@gmail.com).