

Position Opening

Director, Peoria Area Civic Chorale's Young Artist Competition

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Peoria Area Civic Chorale is seeking a qualified candidate to provide leadership for the organization's annual, Young Artist Competition.

BACKGROUND: Founded in 1982, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale organization is governed by a Board of Directors dedicated to the Civic Chorale's Mission: to develop, create, produce, and perform a diverse repertoire of the highest quality presented in the most professional manner for the enjoyment, entertainment, aesthetic enrichment and education of its members, its audiences, and those who live in the communities it serves. The organization currently features three choirs, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale Youth Chorus, and the Civic Chorale's Youth Prep Chorus. Of great pride to the organization is the acknowledgement that throughout its thirty-nine existence, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale has developed the reputation for being an organization of consequence, recognized with enthusiasm throughout the region and the State of Illinois for its dedication to music education and the highest standards of musical performance in the presentation of choral repertoire in all styles and genres. In addition, throughout its history, the PACC has consistently been a strong advocate for collaborative efforts with many other Central Illinois performance organizations including the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra, the Heartland Festival Orchestra, Opera Illinois, the Peoria Ballet, the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest, and most recently, WTVP-Peoria.

EVENT DESCRIPTION: The Peoria Area Civic Chorale proudly sponsors a *Young Artist Competition* for young vocal musicians in grades 8-12. This annual competition, supported by Central Illinois donors, has been held since 2000. Our purposes are to identify, encourage, and provide exposure to promising young musicians, to grant them an audition experience, provide a monetary reward for continued musical studies, and to honor the top winners with an opportunity to perform with the Peoria Area Civic Chorale. The 2021 Young Artist Competition will be held on Saturday morning, October 16th with an application deadline of October 8th. Winners are awarded a solo performance at one of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale's "An American Family Christmas" Concert Series held in the Caterpillar Performing Arts Center at Five Points Washington. The 2021 concert series is scheduled for evening performances on December 17th and 18th plus a 3:00 PM matinee performance on Sunday, December 19th. In addition to a scheduled performance, winners also receive an official recognition plaque and a \$300.00 scholarship to assist with either continued voice lessons or a summer music camp tuition.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Plan and coordinate all aspects of a successful Young Artist Competition. This part-time staff member represents the Peoria Area Civic Chorale and as such will report directly to the Artistic Director/Conductor of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale and the Civic Chorale's Board of Directors.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum of a bachelor's degree in Music Education, Music Performance, or equivalent experience required. Previous experience working with young singers (grades 8-12) and music educators is highly desirable.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS: Event management, budgeting, hiring, leadership skills, ability to multitask, ability to network with area students, parents, music educators, and potential program donors using strong written and verbal communication skills is highly desirable.

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COMPENSATION: Compensation is paid on a stipend basis following the Peoria Area Civic Chorale's An American Family Christmas concert series in December.

TO APPLY: Please submit a cover letter and resume electronically to pacemployment@gmail.com. Requests for additional information may be directed to Dr. Joseph Dean Henry, Artistic Director/Conductor of the Peoria Area Civic Chorale (jdhenrydma91@gmail.com).