

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, NORTHERN BERKSHIRE CHORALE

The Northern Berkshire Chorale is seeking an Artistic Director who will bring to the chorale's rehearsals and performances a love for choral music, provide technical leadership that enhances the members' choral skills and growth as singers, and select repertoire that challenges a volunteer chorus and appeals to its audiences.

THE CHORALE

The Northern Berkshire Chorale is a mixed voice chorus of 40-55 adults, and was established in 2001 for the purpose of learning, enjoying and presenting quality choral music. The Chorale sings material primarily from the Western classical music repertoire, supplemented by pre-Baroque and contemporary choral music. The Chorale prepares and performs two public concerts each year: one concert is typically *a cappella* or with piano accompaniment, the other with a small orchestral ensemble, as budget permits. Information about our repertoire from past concerts may be found here:

http://nbchorale.org/?page_id=17

The Chorale is open, without audition, to singers with a wide range of music reading abilities. Two-hour evening rehearsals are held weekly during the fall and spring: if held on Mondays, on the campus of Williams College; if on Tuesdays, at another local site. The group takes a break during the summer months. Nominal dues are collected from the members; students sing for free. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that raises funds from performances, donations and various grants.

THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Competitive candidates will demonstrate:

- Experience conducting choral groups
- Familiarity with classical and emerging choral music
- Effectiveness in guiding and motivating the singers to realize their fullest potential in vocal production and artistry
- Ability to plan, coordinate and direct programs that involve both singers and instrumentalists
- Strong communication skills in one-on-one and group situations, and effective writing skills for online correspondence with chorale members and others
- Affability when relating to individuals of varying ages, backgrounds and musical abilities

The Artistic Director will be responsible for:

- Planning and conducting concert programs
- Supervising the accompanist
- Assisting the librarian in obtaining new music
- Holding regularly scheduled rehearsals
- Arranging for soloists and instrumentalists, as needed
- Consulting with the Steering Committee regarding program, budget, schedule and any problems which may arise

The ideal candidate will be prepared to engage and, at times challenge the Chorale, supporting and interacting with singers of varying levels of ability in order to teach, encourage and elevate the skills necessary for the demands of more complex compositions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This part-time position is offered on a contract basis. Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

Application: Please provide a CV or resumé, programs from several of your recent concerts, a summary of your main repertoire, and a cover letter. Links to a video of the applicant directing a rehearsal or performance are also suggested.

Please reply to search@nbchorale.org by June 30, 2023.

If you are not interested but know someone who might be, please pass this notice along.