

Job Description: **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MIDCOAST COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Supervised by: Artistic Director, Midcoast Community Chorus

Purpose of Position: Through providing accompaniment for practice, rehearsals, and performances for all MCC choruses and ensembles, work with the Artistic Director to carry out artistic programming, collaborations and concerts that enhances the mission of the organization.

Time Commitment: Flexible hours, evenings, and weekends, with additional time commitment as concert performance time draws near. This is a paid part-time salaried position.

Chorus Mission: Singing as a community for the community.

Chorus Vision: When we sing, we change who we are. When we change who we are, we change the world.

Responsibilities:

- Perform piano accompaniment for practice, rehearsals, and performances for all MCC choruses and ensembles
- Lead section rehearsals by playing parts, identifying mistakes and problem areas, correcting mistakes and providing the right notes and rhythms.
- Assist singers in learning vocal music interpretation
- Manage music training tools (wikispace, etc.)
- Choir preparation: initial teaching of the rudiments of various pieces
- Band Arrangements: work with Artistic Director(AD) to locate and select concert musicians as necessary and assist with orchestration and coordination of band accompaniments to the chorus
- Compose arrangements as needed
- Fill in for AD during rehearsals when AD is not available.
- As the MCC organization grows, assists in developing other potential MCC choral groups

Required Experience, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- BA or Advanced Degree in Music with an emphasis in choral accompaniment

- Experience working with a community-based chorus and with singers of various musical skills and experience.
- Experience accompanying choirs, soloists and small ensembles
- Advanced piano skill
- Advanced music theory
- Vocal techniques
- Possesses a strong background in site reading, conducting, transposing, arranging and coaching skills
- Strong computer skills, including wikispace
- Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy
- Proven record of establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with others
- Strong background in technical aspects of field of specialty

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