

Peoria Area Civic Chorale Artistic Director/Conductor

Date: January 2, 2012

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale (PACC), Central Illinois' premiere choral organization, is seeking a new Artistic Director/Conductor (AD/C), only the third AD/C in the organization's 30 years. Based in Peoria, Illinois, the 80 member auditioned group is an integral part of Peoria's cultural scene with a rich choral tradition. PACC also has a long history of collaborating with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Heartland Festival Orchestra, the Central Illinois Jazz Orchestra and other local arts organizations.

The Peoria Area Civic Chorale's mission is to develop, create, produce and perform a diverse repertoire of the highest quality vocal and choral music 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.

Job Description

The AD/C is primarily responsible for the musical and artistic direction of the Chorale. The AD/C reports directly to the Civic Chorale Board of Directors, manages the principal accompanist and additional artistic contract staff, and collaborates with various board committees responsible for financial development, marketing, and patron relations.

The Artistic Director/Conductor position is part-time. The AD/C must be able to plan, manage and conduct weekly rehearsals, and conduct performances during two semesters a year which run from mid-August to mid-December and from mid-January to early May.

Salary will be commensurate based on experience.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Consistent production of quality performances
- Effective planning and management of rehearsals for a volunteer chorus
- Providing vocal pedagogy within the rehearsal to a membership with varied musical experience
- Working collaboratively to design a season and select appropriate music
- Motivating and inspiring members
- Maintaining a professional image on behalf of the Chorale
- Supporting the staff and Board in order to build and maintain donor and patron relationships
- Developing and managing an artistic budget
- Partnering with artistic and community organizations
- Involvement with the ongoing recruitment of singers

Experience, knowledge and education

- Extensive, proven experience in choral conducting and vocal pedagogy
- Breadth of knowledge of choral repertoire in various styles
- Understanding of volunteer-based organizations and self-sustaining not-for-profits

- Master's Degree in music preferred or demonstrable equivalent experience required

To Apply For This Position:

Please send the following to pacchorale@gmail.com or the Peoria Area Civic Chorale Office/ 809 W. Detweiller Dr./ Peoria, IL/ 61615 by February 15, 2012.

- Cover letter expressing interest in and fit for position
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Four concert programs (copies will qualify) representing a breadth of musical styles and genres from concerts within the last 3 years.
- For two of the programs, an accompanying one page statement of your programming vision, directorial viewpoint and/ or your theme or concept for that program.
- CDs or digital files of three concert performances from the last three years. Each of the three excerpts/files should be no less than 15 minutes in length. These audio submissions should represent a breadth of musical styles and genres. No submission should contain the identifiable voice or visuals of the applicant conductor.
- To accompany each of the concert audio submissions, a one page statement of your interpretive approach to the selection(s) and a self- analysis of the overall quality of each performance. (Optional)

More information about PACC may be found on the organization's website: <http://www.peoriacivicchorale.org/>. Requests for information packets including past programs and cd samples and other questions may be directed to the PACC office pacchorale@gmail.com or (309) 693-6725.