

Wanted: Choral Music/Artistic Director



Aiken Singers is seeking a dedicated individual to serve as its Choral Music/Artistic Director. Qualified applicants should have several years of experience in leading Adult choral groups and demonstrate a passion for choral music. The position is classified as a part-time, non-employee, independent contractor.

Aiken Singers is a non-auditioned mixed choral group, founded in 2005 as a small group of neighbors who loved to sing. The idea appealed to many and so the group expanded to the entire city of Aiken and Aiken Singers was born. Over the years the membership has increased to as many as 60. The Singers vary in age, from high school to 80+, and in musical ability.

The chorus draws its membership from surrounding communities and presents two major concerts per year – a Spring Concert in May and a Holiday Concert in December. In addition, Aiken Singers performs several concerts for area nursing, rehabilitation, and senior housing communities during the weeks prior to the concerts.

Aiken Singers is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the state of South Carolina. More details of the organization with past history can be found on our website at <https://aikensingers.org>

Qualifications and Experience

1. Bachelor's degree in music from an accredited college; master's degree a plus
2. Experience in successfully conducting an adult chorus
3. Experience in planning and implementing concerts, including creative programming skills
4. Ability to conduct soloists and instrumentalists
5. Professional and inter-personal skills necessary for teaching and leading singers with different levels of musical abilities
6. Excellent problem-solving, communication, collaborative, and organizational skills
7. Ability to meet schedules, timelines, and budget constraints

Responsibilities Include

1. Select concert music according to the singer's ability, audience, and venue
2. Conduct and manage all rehearsals
3. Procure and hire supporting instrumentalists as needed
4. Conduct all performances
5. Sit in an advisory capacity on the Aiken Singers Board of Directors
6. Willingness to pursue opportunities with other community organizations (schools, town, art council, orchestras, choruses, etc.)
7. Engage in community outreach to promote Aiken Singers

Salary: Commensurate with experience and determined by the Aiken Singers Board of Directors according to the annual budget. Salary is payable monthly, September through June, with a 2 month summer break.

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to the address below before June 1, 2021. Please also include the following: musical conducting repertoire, sample programs, and the names and phone numbers of three references.

Aiken Singers Director Search Committee
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Or email: ahb1969@yahoo.com