



Job Posting

JOB TITLE: ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR

The Oakville Choral Society Inc., based in Oakville, Ontario, is inviting applications for the position of Artistic Director/Conductor beginning in the 2024-25 season.

OAKVILLE CHORAL

Oakville Choral is a dynamic and long running community choir, founded in 1960. As a non-profit cultural organization, the non-audition choir promotes choral singing and music appreciation to the wide and wonderful communities of Halton and beyond. Our mission, “Everyone can join, everyone can learn, everyone can sing!” is foundational to our choral success.

We have an extensive library of music, sing a wide range of genres from classical to contemporary, and enjoy an enthusiastic and talented membership. We also benefit from an engaged and supportive audience, collaborative partners and sponsors.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00pm at Chartwell Church, 228 Chartwell Road Oakville. Our performances are in December and April/May, and are often joined by professional soloists and musicians.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Artistic Director/Conductor of Oakville Choral reports to the Board of Directors, and works closely with Board members to develop the overall musical vision and program for each season.

The successful candidate is a music specialist and expert in performance and rehearsal practices with volunteer singers and professional musicians alike. They will set a high standard for all aspects of the choir’s artistic activities, including rehearsals, concerts, partnerships, and community outreach. In addition to a passion for making music, the Artistic Director must be an excellent communicator and effective leader with a commitment to working collaboratively with volunteers and staff.

DESIRED EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience as an Artistic Director/Conductor with a community/professional choir
- Extensive knowledge of choral repertoire, music history, styles and genres
- Proven ability to select repertoire that engages members and audiences
- Passion for musical interpretation and effective communication skills
- Efficient and productive rehearsal techniques
- Demonstrates a conducting presence that enhances the quality of music making and brings out the best in all participants
- Track record of high-quality performances and leads by example through positive reinforcement, creativity, knowledge, and dedication
- Experience with grant application process and sponsorship development

REQUIREMENTS

- Attend approximately 25 rehearsals from September to April/May
- Program for and conduct performances, including seasonal concerts
- Available for Board meetings via Zoom or in person

HOW TO APPLY IN CONFIDENCE BY APRIL 30, 2024

Submit a resume and a cover letter describing your interest in and qualifications for the position, as well as your artistic vision for Oakville Choral.

YouTube or website link to video of your conducting is highly recommended.

Applications should be submitted electronically to oakvillechoral@gmail.com.

The new Artistic Director/Conductor will commence responsibilities during the 2024/25 season. Final candidates will be required to demonstrate their conducting abilities as part of the selection process.

The successful candidate must be legally entitled to work in Canada.