



Employment Opportunity

Position: Children's Choir Director
Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Status: Part-time, Non-Exempt
Start Date: ASAP

Position Description

The Children's Choir Director is a member of the Music Academy of the West's Administration. The Music Academy seeks two dynamic, enthusiastic, and experienced Children's Choir Directors to build an afterschool program in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Education Office. These new positions represent a unique opportunity to build a far-reaching after-school choral program in a community that supports education, cultural diversity, and the arts.

Primary responsibilities include building and working with children's choirs and developing and managing parent volunteer groups. Candidates must possess knowledge of choral repertoire that promotes and embraces cultural exploration.

Direct Responsibilities

- Provide support for the Director of Innovation & Program Development as needed
- Provide support to the Children's Choirs
- Generate and update program designs
- Coordinate the selection of music
- Conduct all rehearsals and performances
- Other duties as required

Candidate Profile

The ideal candidate is a professional with three years of experience working with children's choirs. Formal education in choral conducting or voice studies with an emphasis in vocal pedagogy is required. Must be available after school on weekdays and some weekends. Bilingual skills in Spanish is required. Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications and social media is essential.

The Music Academy of the West seeks to hire candidates who thrive in a collaborative, highly communicative workplace. Our administration collectively informs and agrees upon the

organization's expectations for teamwork, including a positive, goal-oriented environment that positions every employee for success.

Preferred Qualifications

- Working knowledge of choral repertoire
- Superb written and verbal communication skills
- Strong social and interpersonal skills
- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work on a team or independently and adapt to changing work priorities and schedules
- Ability to comfortably navigate internet search engines

Reporting Structure

The Children's Choir Directors report to The Director of Innovation & Program Development.

Compensation and Benefits

The Children's Choir Director is a part-time position, and does not include employee benefits except where required by law. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Application Process

Please email a cover letter and a current resume to Daisy Martinez at dmartinez@musicacademy.org. No phone calls, please.

The Music Academy of the West is an equal opportunity employer. A background screening will be performed as a condition of employment.

Music Academy of the West

The Music Academy of the West is among the nation's preeminent summer schools and festivals for gifted, young, classically trained musicians. At its ocean-side campus in Santa Barbara, the Academy provides these musicians with the opportunity for advanced study and performance under the guidance of internationally renowned faculty artists, guest conductors, and soloists. Admission to the Academy is strictly merit based, and fellows receive full scholarships (tuition, room, and board). The Academy's distinguished teaching artists' roster has included famed soprano Lotte Lehmann, composers Darius Milhaud and Arnold Schoenberg, cellist Gregor Piatigorsky, pianist Jeremy Denk, and Honorary Voice Program Director Marilyn Horne. Academy alumni are members of major symphony orchestras, chamber orchestras, ensembles, opera companies, and university and conservatory faculties throughout the world. Many enjoy careers as prominent solo artists. In 2014 the Music Academy entered into a four-year partnership with the New York Philharmonic, resulting in unprecedented

training and performance opportunities for Academy fellows, and Summer Festival residencies for Philharmonic musicians.

The Academy has now launched a new partnership with the London Symphony Orchestra, highlighted by the following:

- Musicians from the LSO will participate in each Summer Festival.
- The London Symphony Orchestra will perform in Santa Barbara in 2019 and 2021.
- Academy fellows will travel to London to perform in concerts with the LSO.
- Academy competition winners will perform recitals in London.
- Michael Tilson Thomas will serve as the Signature Festival Conductor of the partnership.
- Sir Simon Rattle will oversee the fellows' experience in London.

The Music Academy of the West cultivates discerning, appreciative, and adventurous audiences, presenting more than 200 public events annually. These include performances by faculty, guest artists, and fellows; masterclasses; orchestra and chamber music concerts; and a fully staged opera. The 2018 Summer School and Festival takes place June 18-August 11 at the Academy's Miraflores campus and in venues throughout Santa Barbara. For more information, visit musicacademy.org.