

Rogue Valley Peace Choir Choir Director Job Description

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir, established in 2003 and located in Ashland, Oregon, seeks an experienced Choir Director to lead a 75-member community choir. The ideal candidate will be a charismatic leader with the ability to teach solid vocal technique and inspire singers of wide-ranging ability. The Choir Director coaches and conducts pre-selected repertoire to be presented in 8 public performances over a nine-month season. Good communication and teaching skills along with a passion for promoting the ideals of peace, social justice and responsible stewardship of the earth are required.

ROGUE VALLEY PEACE CHOIR MISSION STATEMENT

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir is a secular community choir dedicated to creating peace in our lives, community and world through song.

VISION STATEMENT

We sing music that inspires us and our listeners to live and act in ways that promote peace, social justice, and responsible stewardship of the earth. We model good communication skills, showing respect and compassion for others. Through our singing, we open our hearts and minds to connect with others in celebration of life.

Hours/Schedule

The choir season runs from the first Thursday after Labor Day through the end of May (approx. 9 months). Weekly rehearsal practice takes place on Thursday nights from 6-9 pm (1-hour with a section from 6-7 pm and a full choir practice from 7-8:45). The Director can plan on working approximately 15 hours on site per month leading practice sessions and performances.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Rehearsals

- Plans and leads sectional and all-choir rehearsals throughout the season (3 hrs. Thursday evenings Sept.- May). Consults with the Music and Performance teams as to the order in which the songs shall be learned.
- Builds the level of musical skill within the choir.
- Provides support to section leaders when needed.

Repertoire

- Serves as an advisor to the choir's Music team's song selection process, providing input on the arrangement and level of difficulty of songs. In addition, the Director may research and present songs to the Music Team for consideration, especially published materials. The Director is welcome to participate as a member on the Music Team.
- Selects soloists and set lists for concerts with input from the Music and Performance Teams.
- Creates a variety of ways to enhance the repertoire using soloists, ensembles, instruments, etc.
- Develops a seasonal song list delineating which songs will be practiced at each rehearsal and updates the list as needed.

Performances

- Prepares the choir for the season's performances (approximately eight per year). This performance schedule is developed by the Performance Team in consultation with the Board, the membership and the Choir Director.
- Conducts the choir during the season's 8 performances or selects guest conductors from within the choir.

General

- Creates a fun, supportive, creative atmosphere for singers with a wide range of musical experiences and degrees of confidence.
- Provides advice on areas of her/his artistic expertise. (e.g. may include purchasing sound equipment, organizing training sessions with outside consultants, general artistic issues).
- Works within the context of RVPC's general goals and mission statement and follows established choir policies and procedures.

Optional Summer Work

The choir does not meet during the summer months. However, practice CDs are made during this time which are used by choir members to learn their parts. The Director could work approx. 20 additional hours during the summer creating practice CDs for the following season. Additional compensation based on ability/desire will be given.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Minimum of 2 years choral directing experience
2. Ability to work with a diverse group of people of all ages and skill levels
3. Desire to promote the mission and vision of the choir
4. Strong leadership and communication skills

Salary: \$900-\$1000/month for the nine-month season DOE (with optional summer work).

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume and 3 references by June 15, 2020 to

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RVPC Search Committee

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