

Virginia Children's Chorus
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Staff Accompanist

The Virginia Children's Chorus is seeking a piano accompanist or accompanists for three ensembles: the Training Choir, Choristers and Concert Choir. Applicants may apply to accompany one or more of the three choirs as noted in the description below. VCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts education organization in Norfolk, Virginia. Website: www.vachildrenschorus.org.

Founded by Carol Thomas Downing in 1992, VCC has grown in both size and reputation to become a vital part of the Hampton Roads music community. Our auditioned singers, ages 6 to 18, come from every corner of Hampton Roads. VCC sings in concert throughout the community during our season, which runs from September through May / June. During the season, our choirs rehearse at Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St., Norfolk on Monday and Tuesday. An additional rehearsal site is located in Virginia Beach for Training Choir and Choristers on Wednesdays at Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Rd.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Accompany the Concert Choir on Monday from 6 . 7:30 pm at the Norfolk rehearsal site
- Accompany the Choristers on Tuesday from 7 . 8 pm at the Norfolk rehearsal site.
- Accompany the Choristers on Wednesday from 7 . 8 pm at the Virginia Beach site.
- Accompany the Training Choir at a Tuesday or Wednesday combined rehearsal from 4:30 . 6:30 pm at 4 to 5 rehearsals prior to performances each semester
- Accompany Saturday rehearsals as scheduled three times per semester
- Accompany the choir groups at 6 to 8 community concerts each semester at venues throughout Hampton Roads, as scheduled.
- Periodic additional rehearsals as needed.
- Prepare practice recordings of vocal parts for the repertoire for each choir, each semester
- Lead weekly sectional rehearsals.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Undergraduate degree in relevant field; post-graduate degree is preferred
- Prior experience as a choral accompanist, music educator and/or conductor
- Strong technical and artistic abilities
- Excellent music sight-reading skills
- Excellent advance rehearsal preparation of both piano and voice parts
- Basic understanding of the voice and choral techniques
- Ability to transpose and/or improvise
- High level of responsibility and professionalism
- A pleasant demeanor with strong communication skills
- Enjoys working with young singers

The accompanist is considered a valued member of the VCC artistic staff, and is expected to have a vested interest in the students growth and continued success.

SALARY

Hourly rate depending upon degree and level of experience.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, resume including work experience, and 3 references to Grace Parkinson, Executive Director via e-mail (vccexecdir@verizon.net). References should include their contact phone number and e-mail address. At least one reference should be a conductor with whom you have held an accompanist position. Please phone the Executive Director at (757) 440-9100 with questions.

Virginia Children's Chorus is a non-profit, non-sectarian, equal opportunity cultural arts organization. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in the employment of faculty or staff, the admission or treatment of students, or in the operation of its education activities.

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