

Elementary Choir Conductor Position Description

Title	Elementary Choir Conductor
Reports to	Artistic Director
Status	Part-Time, hourly, approx 2-8 hours/week
Works in Conjunction with	HYC Staff, Families, and Singers
Location	Office in Windsor Heights Lutheran Church; events around the Des Moines metro area Rehearsals sites - Windsor Heights Lutheran Church Resurrection Lutheran Church, Ankeny

Position Summary

The elementary conductors of the Heartland Youth Choir are an integral part of the artistic staff. Planning, rehearsing, and performing with our youngest ensemble members to help build the foundation of musical learning. A part-time position that works closely with singers, and the Artistic Director to ensure seamless implementation of the Heartland Youth Choir's mission toward exemplary choral music education and character-building opportunities through a Kodaly inspired curriculum.

Multiple Positions open - could be filled by 1-4 individuals in any combination

- Canto Choir - Windsor Heights - 1st/2nd grade singers - 45min/week
- Canto Choir - Ankeny - 1st/2nd grade singers - 45min/week
- Cantilena Choir - Windsor Heights - 3rd-5th grade singers - 1hr/week
- Cantilena Choir - Ankeny - 3rd-5th grade singers - 1hr/week

Key Responsibilities

- I. Weekly Rehearsals
 - Plan, prepare, and execute weekly rehearsals for your ensemble.
 - Work with accompanists to ensure seamless artistic execution of repertoire.
 - Cantilena Choir also has one weekend rehearsal per semester

- II. Performances
 - Attend and prepare choirs for 3-5 choral performances throughout the year on the weekends
 - Cantilena choir only - work with the Artistic Director to prepare, and lead the regional, overnight tour in the spring

- III. Repertoire Selection
 - Choose repertoire that is appropriate to the age level of the choir.
 - Follow a Kodaly inspired curriculum and sequence in the repertoire selections.

Core Competencies

- Demonstrate command of vocal/choral methods and techniques, pedagogy, and conducting
- Understanding of appropriate sequencing and instruction in music theory, and vocal pedagogy for young singers
- Ability to inspire elementary age singers
- Relationship-building skills with singers and families
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Self-starter who exhibits follow-through on goals and tasks

Position Requirements

- 2-8 hours per week. Additional hours needed on occasion during peak programming times.
- Bachelor's degree in Music Education, 3-5 years of related work experience preferred at the elementary or middle school level
- Evening and weekend work during choir rehearsals, performances, and other events
- Training in Kodaly, Orff, Dalcroze, and/or Conversational Solfege - preferred
- Reliable transportation for attending events around the Des Moines metro area
- Ability to occasionally lift up to 40 pounds

Salary Expectations

- \$50/hour for contact time with singers (rehearsals, performances, tours)

Schedule Expectations

- Evening and weekend work only
- Rehearsal times are required (currently Tuesday or Thursday evenings, but these are flexible) and planning time is flexible. All additional weekend commitments will be given before the beginning of the season.

Interested applicants should email resume to mary@heartlandyouthchoir.org

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