

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Marin Girls Chorus seeks accomplished Artistic Director to lead this vibrant chorus of young female singers.

Marin Girls Chorus (MGC) is dedicated to providing excellence in music education to girls and young women in our community. Founded in 1988 by Martha Wall, MGC has grown into a dynamic group of over 120 girls in grades K-12. MGC has deep roots in the Kodály method of music education. Please visit our website to see our Mission Statement and learn more about MGC: www.marinchorus.org

This search is being conducted by the Marin Girls Chorus Board of Directors in partnership with leading choral directors from the Bay Area. Our current Artistic Director is relocating out of state.

Candidates will be expected to have an established and critically acclaimed reputation for excellence in artistic achievement with youth choruses; to be engaged and inspired by the creative process; and to have a demonstrated ability to build on the organization's reputation for excellence in music education.

The Artistic Director will report directly to the Marin Girls Chorus Board of Directors, and supervise artistic staff, which consists of 2 Lower Division instructors and 3 accompanists. Engagement will begin in July of 2016 with preparation for the 2016-2017 concert season.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Artistic Director will be required to prepare a minimum of two full performance concerts per season and to conduct all concerts and appearances. Free community concerts and public performances are scheduled throughout the season, which begins in September and ends the following June. The Artistic Director leads the chorus in participation in local choral festivals and in domestic or international choral tours each summer, and develops and leads summer camp sessions.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Audition all current and potential chorus members in grades 4 and above
- Select teaching materials for each chorus level and develop lesson plans to teach the art of choral singing, music theory, and performance skills.
- Develop, schedule, and conduct weekly classes during the season and any additional rehearsals as are needed to prepare for each performance.
- Communicate in a timely and positive manner with chorus parents, staff and board.
- Contract soloists, accompanists and instrumentalists as needed; schedule and conduct all rehearsals needed prior to performance.
- Develop the program for the annual concert season and present the season and annual activities to the Board of Directors.
- Conduct all performances, develop and lead all community outreach and paid performances.
- Schedule monthly meetings with all staff.
- Assist in selection of summer choral tours.
- Represent the Marin Girls Chorus as the Artistic Director of the organization.
- Work closely with the Board Treasurer to ensure chorus operations stay within budget and commit to maintaining the fiscal integrity of the Marin Girls Chorus as a high priority.
- Work closely with the Chorus Administrator to strategize chorus events, personnel and singer/parent issues.
- Present monthly reports to Board of Directors on all chorus operations.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

- Established reputation for excellent and inspired artistic achievement in teaching and conducting young choral singers.
- Extensive knowledge of the standard choral and choral/orchestral repertoire and strong knowledge of music of our time.
- Expertise in vocal technique, languages and choral diction.
- Skilled as a creative and exciting artistic leader, able to establish a strong rapport with young singers and serve as a model for life-long music appreciation.
- Strong organizational skills are required.
- Demonstrated ability to carry out key functions, including:
 - attract and retain highly qualified choral singers and promote their continued musical development
 - select repertoire of high artistic merit that inspires performers and audiences
 - effectively prepare chorus levels for varied and challenging repertoire
 - proficiently and artistically conduct both choral and a cappella repertoire
 - enhance the organization's reputation and visibility
 - vigorously and effectively represent the organization to the broader community
 - interpret and annotate master scores for chorus, accompanists, instrumentalists and soloists
 - work effectively with a Board of Directors and a professional staff
- Advanced degree strongly preferred, with an emphasis on Kodály techniques

JOB LOCATION, SALARY AND TIMING

- Position headquartered in Marin County, California, north of San Francisco
- Salary commensurate with experience
- This 12 month, 20 hour-per week position commences July 2016 with preparation for the 2016-17 Season

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates meeting the above qualifications should apply by submitting electronically the following materials:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae/resume

Submissions should be sent by email to info@marinchorus.org.