



Crozet Community Chorus, Crozet, Va

Artistic Director

Summary

Crozet Community Chorus (CCC) is seeking an Artistic Director to lead 2.-hour weekly chorus rehearsals during two 13-14 week rehearsal cycles annually. Fall is September to December and spring is January to April/early May. The Artistic Director completes each cycle by directing the CCC and any musical accompaniment in two final rehearsals and two performances. Additionally, this person is responsible for programming the music and concerts, giving markings for the music and listening URLs to the singers and directing the accompanist. The position reports to the Board of Directors of the Crozet Community Chorus, a 501c3. The chorus orders the music indicated by the Artistic Director. The chorus has a Facebook page (Crozet Chorus) and a website, crozetchorus.org.

Background information

The Crozet Chorus was organized in 2015 when a local resident, Sandy Hodge, realized her dream of a community chorus in Crozet to provide a venue for singers of all levels. Incorporated as a non-profit in December 2015 with a Board of Directors, the secular chorus has no audition and is open to men and women. CCC will hold its 6th concert this April with 65 singers. Consistently the number of singers is between 60-70 SATB for each concert. Rehearsals and concerts are held at donated space at the Crozet Baptist Church, Crozet Va. a venue that seats over 350 people and is always standing-room only.

Performance repertoire has varied—from great composers both classical and modern, to music from across the globe and through the decades. We welcome singers of varied abilities and musical backgrounds from throughout the region. They come from diverse backgrounds—teachers, farmers, nurses, attorneys, architects, business people, professors, authors, homemakers and computer experts--all united in their love of choral music. Many of the performers are skilled at reading music and have extensive choral experience. Crozet Chorus is an educational and community outreach organization devoted to fostering excellence in performances and a greater appreciation of choral music in both chorus members and the community. The chorus has no religious or political affiliation. The chorus is financially solvent. Concerts are free and donations are accepted.

The CCC rehearses and performs in Crozet, Va., located in at the foothills of Blue Ridge Mountains just 20 minutes from historic Charlottesville, Va.

Organizational framework

The CCC has a Board of Directors with 8 directors, including the President. Board members serve for three years, on a rotating schedule. We have a secretary (who also functions as the donation steward and prepares appropriate gift acknowledgement), a treasurer, and social chair. Both the Artistic Director and the pianist report, as contract employees, to the Board. Board meetings are held on a somewhat ad hoc basis, but at least 4 times a year, and the Artistic Director does not have to attend unless requested.

As a paid employee of the CCC, the Artistic Director is responsible for the overall artistic vision and focus of the chorus, with the assistance of the pianist and board members, and others as

appropriate. The Artistic Director is responsible for assuring the highest quality standards for the artistic functioning and management of CCC. Board members and others will collaborate with the Artistic Director, with regard to scheduling sectionals or workshops, etc.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the day to day operation of the CCC and the President coordinates closely with the Artistic Director assuring that an open two-way conduit of communication is maintained so that everyone is informed about chorus's needs and plans.

Scope of work

- Plan and execute the 2 hour CCC weekly rehearsals.
- Plan and execute concerts and musical events of high quality and variety, including but not limited to two concerts annually, the Holiday and Spring concerts.
- Select music editions and give the prepared list to the Board with at least two months lead time to order music as needed for CCC.
- Work closely with the CCC accompanist

Desired Qualifications

- Master's Degree in choral conducting or equivalent (doctorate preferable)
- Minimum five years of experience conducting large choral groups (SATB) with diverse musical accompaniment.
- Primary consideration will be given to candidates with an extensive knowledge of choral repertoire from masterworks to emerging composers to popular secular choral pieces, including jazz, spiritual, foreign language, etc.
- Demonstrated success in choral programming and concert production, including sourcing necessary musicians locally
- Adept at leading non-auditioned singers of diverse ages and backgrounds while providing an encouraging, supportive environment
- Prefer residence in proximity to Charlottesville/Crozet, Va.
- 2 reference contacts

Compensation Commensurate with community chorus salary scales and experience.

Qualified applicants should send their CVs to Sandra Hodge, President, Crozet Chorus Board, PO Box 568, Crozet, Va 22932 OR **email them to crozetchorus@gmail.com**

Application deadline is May 15. Selected applicants will be asked to audition in June with the chorus members. The expected starting date is July 1 with a program prepared for music ordering no later than July 30.