



JOB DESCRIPTION

Organization: Pacific Chorale
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Position: Teaching Artist - Pacific Chorale Academy

Status: Part-time seasonal hourly employee

Reports to: Director of Education

Start Date: September

Hours: The program takes place after school at multiple sites Monday through Thursday between 2-6 p.m. Occasional evenings and weekends are required for concerts and field trips. Site assignments will be based on the candidate's availability. Candidates do not need to be available for all 4 days. The program runs from September to May of each school year.

Application: Apply online at:
https://pacificchorale.formstack.com/forms/teaching_artist_application
Selected candidates will be asked to give a teaching demonstration and submit additional materials.

Deadline: Rolling. 2024 programs begin the second week of September.

Position Description

Pacific Chorale Academy is a unique after-school choir program which combines music education and socio-emotional learning, offered free to low-income students in grades 2-6. Resident teaching artists lead weekly rehearsals which focus on social connection, musical skills, and fun. PC Academy received a national award from Chorus America for its impact in neighborhoods that have limited access to arts enrichment opportunities.

Each 10-week residency uses a set of pre-developed lesson plans and recommended repertoire designed to teach healthy, age-appropriate vocal technique, musicianship skill, and cultural context. The program takes place after school at each site, and students join the program voluntarily.

The Teaching Artist is part of a two-person team which also includes an accompanist.

Responsibilities

- Lead lessons which encourage healthy singing, cultural connections, and joy for 20-40 students in grade 2-6.
- Communicate effectively with students, site staff, parents, and the entire PC Academy team.
- Participate in regular planning meetings. All preparation time is paid.
- Work with staff and outside professionals to implement, document and evaluate the program.

Qualifications and Desired Traits

- **Experience teaching vocal music to children in a classroom setting required.**
- Demonstrated excellent musicianship, creativity and artistry as a teacher/performer.
- Strong classroom management skills.
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher, and citizen.
- Strong understanding of standard music pedagogy and solfege. Training or certification in Kodaly, Orff, and/ or Dalcroze a plus.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Spanish, Vietnamese, or other second language skills a plus.
- Basic piano skills are required. Guitar skills a plus. An accompanist is provided at each site.
- Flexibility and creativity to adapt to curriculum goals and ability to work collaboratively.
- Ability to work during program hours as well as additional hours for planning meetings, professional development, concerts, and field trips.

Requirements

- If hired, Teaching Artists are required to comply with Pacific Chorale's Child Safety Policy, which includes submitting fingerprints for a background check and providing proof of completed COVID vaccination. Tuberculosis screening may also be required for some sites.
- May be required to lift up to 25 pounds (such as boxes of music, chairs, music stands, etc.) either alone or with assistance.

Compensation and Benefits

\$60-75 per hour depending on experience. All teaching, planning, and meeting time is compensated at the hourly rate.

Application Process

To apply for this position, please visit:

https://pacificchorale.formstack.com/forms/teaching_artist_application to upload your resume and answer some questions about your teaching experience.

About Pacific Chorale

The mission of Pacific Chorale is to inspire our community through artistry and innovation in choral music performances and education programs.

Located in Costa Mesa, California, Pacific Chorale has delighted national and international audiences with concerts of great choral music performed at the highest musical standards since 1968. Under the artistic leadership of Robert Istad, the organization produces a series of concerts each year at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, where it serves as the resident choir. Pacific Chorale is recognized for exceptional artistic expression, preserving and performing classical choral music as well as presenting stimulating American-focused programming. In addition to its own substantial performance season and long-standing partnership with Pacific Symphony, the Chorale is sought regularly to perform with the nation's leading symphonies, having performed with such renowned American ensembles as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the National Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, and Musica Angelica.

For more information about Pacific Chorale, please visit www.pacificchorale.org.

Pacific Chorale is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and actively and enthusiastically seeks a diverse pool of candidates.