



Artistic / Music Director

Job Overview

The role of the Artistic Director is first and foremost to support the mission of the Stand in the Light Memory Choir. This individual (a) establishes and maintains a mutually respectful relationship with choir members, (b) selects choral repertoire, (c) plans and conducts rehearsals and performances, and (d) integrates in-person and virtual approaches to rehearsals, performances, and other choir activities. Additionally, the Artistic Director has a leading role in linking the choir and its mission with the community. The Artistic / Music Director is a part-time role and is an employed position that reports to the Board of Directors.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Select appropriate repertoire for the choir
2. Plan and conduct all rehearsals
3. Plan and conduct all performances (Fall & Spring concerts)
4. Obtain music and lyrics for the choir; arrange and adapt music as needed
5. Type and format lyrics sheets
6. Collaborate with the Executive Director, Accompanist, Tech Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Board of Directors, and volunteers in planning and implementing all choir activities (including summer sings, christmas carols, etc.)
7. Adapt choir activities to allow for a virtual approach to facilitate inclusiveness for more members
8. Assume a leading role in publicizing choir events
9. Assist with the creation of promotional videos and other marketing strategies for the choir
10. Organize the recording of rehearsal tracks for each concert program and facilitate distribution to the choir in both CD and online format
11. Participate in professional development opportunities related to music and individuals with memory, cognitive, and speech losses
12. Creates a positive, enjoyable, consistent rehearsal experience that results in successful concerts

Qualifications

- A baccalaureate or higher degree in vocal/choral music or music education, or equivalent experience
- Knowledge of a wide variety of styles and genres of choral repertoire

- Three to five years of choral conducting experience, including experience working in community choral settings
- Demonstrated skills in effective choral conducting
- Educated understanding of individuals and their families living with memory change, dementia, and aphasia
- Demonstrated ability to effectively and respectfully communicate verbally and non-verbally with and about individuals living with cognitive and speech losses
- In-depth understanding of the balance between artistic and wellness choir program objectives
- History of successful collaboration with others in professional and/or music situations
- Proficient organizational skills, flexibility, patience, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor

Our Mission

Stand in the Light Memory Choir uses the power of singing to move people with early to mid-stages of memory change and their care partners to rediscover themselves, make friends, laugh together, and contribute to their community.