

Musical Director Job Vacancy

Together Productions, a not for profit community arts company, is looking to appoint a musical director to lead an exciting new choir we are launching, the Mixed Up Chorus Leytonstone, a sister choir to the existing very successful 70 voice Mixed Up Chorus in North London.

We are keen to find someone who has an open, engaging, fun and inclusive approach and who has experience working with amateur choirs and across a broad range of repertoire. As part of the position we will offer some coaching and support as needed. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm during term time, with the possibility for more work with some of our other projects and ensembles including the Sing For Freedom Choir.

In the first instance please send a CV and a cover letter detailing why you might be suitable for the position to: holly@togetherproductions.co.uk. Deadline to apply: midday Monday 16th March. Shortlisted interviews/audition evening of Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Together Productions embraces diversity and equal opportunity in a serious way. We are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. The more inclusive we are, the better our work will be.

More details: <http://togetherproductions.co.uk/jobs/>

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Job Description:

We are looking for someone:

- a) to lead the musical and vocal training of the group in repertoire as shall be chosen by the Musical Director in consultation with the ensemble and the TP Musical Director.
- b) to conduct or otherwise direct the choir and other performers at concerts, shows, or other events as shall be fixed.
- c) to ensure that the highest musical standards are achieved both at rehearsals and concerts, consistent with the group's musical and financial resources.
- d) to lead voice part check ups of all members to determine which is the best voice part for them.
- e) to make recommendations to the TP team for the engagement of soloists and other performers needed for concerts, and to audition them if necessary.
- f) to advise and assist the TP in the artistic direction of the group as well as ideas for recruitment and general growth and development.
- g) to provide to the TP team as requested all details reasonably required for producing programmes and publicity material.
- h) to attend occasional committee and staff team meetings as well as training with the TP musical director as needed.

i) to lead occasional vocal and musical workshops and sessions as appropriate, support the TP Musical Director and be engaged with the Singing Our Lives project as needed.

Person Specification

We are looking for someone who combines great musical skills with an excellent and empowering leadership style. Decent keyboard skills are also essential as an accompanist is not provided for rehearsals. Since our groups are non-auditioned, we need someone who can help train beginners with no experience as well as keeping those with more advanced musical and vocal skills engaged.

As our work is about working across difference and involves engaging with vulnerable individuals and groups with a wide range of needs (including survivors of major trauma), we will expect the musical director to embody our ideals of empathy, compassion and sensitivity. The Mixed Up Chorus in North London has sung in over 21 languages and we would hope the musical director of our sister choir would be able to source appropriate repertoire from a wide range of styles and cultures.

Remuneration

We offer £120 for a two hour rehearsal, £180 for a performance and £30 an hour for meetings. The Music Director is engaged by TP on a self-employed basis as an independent contractor and is therefore expected to account for his/her own income tax, Class 4 National Insurance contributions and VAT returns.

Timetable for recruitment

Applications close at midday on Monday 16th March. We will be inviting shortlisted candidates to an interview and audition late afternoon/evening of Wednesday 25th March 2020. We will appoint someone shortly thereafter to begin work in April 2020.