



NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR

Job Announcement – Northwest Boychoir Staff Accompanist

POSITION

The Northwest Choirs seeks a highly skilled classical pianist with choral accompanying experience for the Northwest Boychoir. The Staff Accompanist is responsible for accompanying rehearsals and performances for various choir levels year-round, as well as leading sectionals and instructing small classes of music theory and sight-reading. The ideal candidate must support the Choir's mission of providing superior music training to boys, ages 6-18 years old. Sight-reading is taught through a set curriculum which places strong emphasis on ear-training using the "Solfege" method. Repertoire ranges from simple children's songs to difficult major choral works. The Staff Accompanist may occasionally be required to perform as part of professional orchestral accompaniment for major concerts and asked to accompany annual out of town concert tours ranging from regional four-day tours to national two-week tours. The Staff Accompanist should also be available to attend our annual one-week summer music camp located in Seattle.

JOB SPECIFICS

Position:

Reports to:

Employee Status:

Staff Accompanist for Northwest Boychoir

Music Director and Choir Directors.

Regular, part-time. 4 hours/week.

Monday & Wednesday rehearsals 4-6 pm.

Must be available for occasional additional rehearsals, concerts and events.

Possible travel for concert tours.

Occasional Tuesday & Thursday afternoon rehearsals before concerts/events.

2011 concerts: Nov. 21, 26, Dec. 1, 3, 10 and 18. 2012 calendar available.

\$30-\$45 per hour. Pay will be commensurate with experience.

3-5 years. Choral accompanying, music instruction for youth.

Bachelor of Music Performance/Music Education degree or higher

Experienced (non-manager)

Compensation:

Years Experience:

Education Level:

Career Level:

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for this part-time position will:

- Show high level of piano proficiency with a strong emphasis on rhythmic stability, and the ability to follow a conductor.
- Have experience in accompanying professional level choirs (children's choirs is a plus).
- Show ability to read open score.
- Have performance experience in professional settings.
- Be able to perform multiple musical styles, including light jazz or pop.
- Have a professional and competent performance demeanor.
- Be motivated by and attentive to the Choir's mission, enjoy music and children of all ages.
- Possess strong verbal communication skills in the English language, and an ability to teach music theory, sight-reading classes and lead sectionals.
- Have excellent people skills, patience and a positive attitude, especially with youth, and work collegially with professional music staff.
- Experience in solfege, sight-singing method and vocal pedagogy is a plus.



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To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, three employment references with telephone and email contact information. Please include links to any live performance videos available online.

Send materials to:

Maria Johnson, Executive Director

maria@northwestchoirs.org (email communication preferred)

or

Maria Johnson, Executive Director
Northwest Boychoir
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Seattle, WA 98105

Application

Deadline: **October 17, 2011 or until filled**

Contact: maria@northwestchoirs.org

More Info: www.nwchoirs.org

Puget Sound's Premier Choir For Young Singers

The Northwest Boychoir's musical sophistication, rich tonal quality, dedication to exacting perfection, and extensive performance schedule have established its reputation as one of the nation's premier children's choirs. In its 37 years, the Northwest Choirs has trained thousands of young singers and more significantly, shaped the lives of its members by teaching important lessons in personal commitment, and the value of teamwork and diligence. Led by Joseph Crnko, now in his 27th year as music director, the Choir's staff of professional musicians and educators are engaged in the teaching of a rigorous curriculum that trains young singers to be fully-skilled musicians who sing at the highest professional level, read music fluently, and perform in professional settings with confidence. The Northwest Boychoir provides a year-round program that includes regular twice-weekly rehearsals, a residential summer camp, a rigorous concert schedule, and a biannual international tour program.

Northwest Choirs is an equal employment opportunity employer. Successful candidates must pass a Criminal Records Check and have legal status to work in the USA.



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