

November 21, 2017

Job Announcement--Northwest Girlchoir

**Vocal Music Teaching Artist—Bravo Choir**

- Start date: January 2, 2018 (First teaching day, Thursday, January 4, 2018)
- Thursday afternoons, 2:20-3:35pm, January 4 – June 7, 2018
- **Application Deadline: Thursday, December 14, 2017**

**VOCAL MUSIC TEACHING ARTIST—BRAVO CHOIR (a program of Northwest Girlchoir)**

We are seeking an energetic, experienced **Vocal Music Teaching Artist** to lead a music/choir class in the Northgate Elementary Community Learning Center, an after-school enrichment program. This class is an outreach program of Northwest Girlchoir ([www.northwestgirlchoir.org](http://www.northwestgirlchoir.org)) that is co-sponsored by City of Seattle Parks and Recreation. The ideal candidate has a passion for creating and leading a variety of high quality singing and vocal music learning activities for children from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Teach a vocal music class in an after school enrichment program for students at Northgate Elementary.
- Classes are Thursdays, 2:20-3:35pm
  - Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Mid Winter Break is 2/19- 2/23)
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break is 4/9 – 4/13)
  - Combined performance with Northwest Girlchoir, TBD--Friday, May 25, 2018 at Northgate Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, 10-20 students, open to boys and girls, but likely students will be all girls
- Class at Northgate Elementary School, [11725 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125](https://www.seattleschools.org/locations/northgate)
- In a 65 minute class, offer a variety of singing and music activities (singing games, circle games, movement, echo clapping, music reading skill games and drills, folk song singing, group choral songs, solo opportunities) to have fun and to teach healthy vocal technique, musicianship, listening, working well as a group, creative expression, and preparation for choral singing.
- Prepare 2-3 songs, in cooperation with Northwest Girlchoir Artistic Director, that Bravo Choir students will sing with Northwest Girlchoir in a year-end Northgate Elementary school assembly.
- Greet students on school playground and escort them to the classroom.
- Supervise students during 15-minute pre-class snack time.
- Outside of teaching hours, be available for occasional meetings with program organizers and Northwest Girlchoir staff.
- Northgate Elementary School is one of the most racially and socio-economically diverse schools in the Seattle Public Schools.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Experience teaching music to children in a classroom or group (camp, church) setting and experience singing in a choir; experience conducting a choir or children's choir preferred.
- Bachelor of Music/Music Education degree preferred, or coursework in music education.
- Ability to plan for a wide variety of singing activities, games, and high-quality (folk songs, well-crafted) repertoire.
- Demonstrated skills in managing children's behavior in a classroom or group setting.
- Ability to model and teach healthy singing technique.
- Accompanying skills (e.g. piano or guitar) or skills in creating digital accompaniment

- Possess a desire to work with students from diverse cultural, socio-economic, and skill backgrounds.
- Have a professional demeanor, excellent people skills, patience, and a positive attitude.
- Strong communication skills (speaking) in the English language. Willingness to communicate by email.
- Ability to work independently and interest in working as a member of an artistic team.
- Consistent attendance and punctuality for weekly class teaching.

## **JOB SPECIFICS**

### **Employee Status:**

This is a six-month contract position, January – June, 2018.

### **Reports To:**

Northwest Girlchoir Artistic Director, Sara Boos. Onsite manager and point of contact is Northgate Elementary Community Learning Center Coordinator, Connor Durham.

### **Compensation:**

\$1300-\$1500, commensurate with experience and education.

Northwest Girlchoir is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity at all levels. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, trans-gender status, ethnicity, marital status, disability, or religious belief. Successful candidates must pass a Criminal Records Check and have legal status to work in the USA.

### **To Apply:**

Send cover letter and resume to:

Sara Boos, Artistic Director  
[sara@northwestgirlchoir.org](mailto:sara@northwestgirlchoir.org)

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