

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



# ASSOCIATE ACCOMPANIST(S) of PENSACOLA SINGS

**Posting Date:** January 2023  
**Status:** Hourly  
**Reports To:** Director of Community Programs

The Pensacola Children's Chorus seeks a talented collaborative pianist(s) to serve as Associate Accompanist for the inaugural semester of PENSACOLA SINGS, unique community youth choir based in City of Pensacola owned-and-operated neighborhood resource centers. The Associate Accompanist will work in collaboration with PCC's full-time instructional staff to support the musical and personal growth of young performers, both in rehearsal and performance.

PENSACOLA SINGS is an initiative of the Pensacola Children's Chorus and aims to bring accessible choral music and impactful social emotional learning to community spaces. An innovative, cross-sector collaboration, PENSACOLA SINGS is a data-driven partnership between the Pensacola Children's Chorus and the City of Pensacola. Operating in 3 different sites, these no-cost choirs learn similar repertoire and combine twice yearly for performances.

The Pensacola Children's Chorus (PCC) serves as a leading performing arts organization in Pensacola and is the largest purveyor of music education for community youth in Northwest Florida. The flagship Resident Choir Program boasts 9 resident ensembles comprised of hundreds of singers in grades 1 through 12, whose performances are viewed by an annual audience of nearly 25,000 individuals. PCC's programs are built upon a foundation of positive youth development, a mission that is achieved through unique ensemble models and performance opportunities which promote the values of community service, personal growth, and leadership.

### **Purpose of Position**

The Associate Accompanist (AA) serves as the primary accompanist for assigned choirs within PENSACOLA SINGS. Specifically, the AA will participate in weekly rehearsals and occasional performances.

PCC seeks 1 individual to serve as AA for 3 choirs, but will consider individuals who are only able to regularly commit to 1-2 of 3 weekly rehearsals.

### **Working Hours & Locations**

PENSACOLA SINGS operates in 2 semesters each season—Fall (October-December) and Spring (March-May). For the upcoming Spring 2023 semester, weekly occur from 5:00-6:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning the week of March 5 and concluding the week of May 14. A combined performance will be scheduled the week of May 14 or May 21 (exact date and time TBD).

### Rehearsal Locations

- Tuesdays – Woodland Heights Resource Center (111 Berkley Dr., 32503)
- Wednesdays – Gull Point Resource Center (7000 Spanish Trail, 32504)
- Thursdays – Fricker Resource Center (900 North F St., 32501)

### **Essential Duties & Responsibilities**

- Attending and accompanying all weekly rehearsals and performances of PENSACOLA SINGS;
- Reporting accurate playing hours to the Director of Community Programs (DCP) and/or Artistic & Executive Director (AED) for payroll purposes;
- Serving as an advocate for PCC, its students and staff, and all of its activities, offerings, and performances to all members of the Pensacola and broader Florida communities, as well as across the United States and internationally, and;
- Other duties as requested by the AED, mutually agreed upon in advance and with additional compensation provided if necessary.

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## **Qualifications & Capabilities**

- Bachelor's degree (or degree-in-progress) in music, fine arts, or music education (piano emphasis preferred);
- At least 2 years of experience working as a choral accompanist (experience with children/youth preferred);
- Strong piano skills, to include sight reading, multi-part playing, knowledge of chord charts, and ability to play music of multiple genres and styles;
- Ability to think and work creatively both independently and with direction, as well as in collaborative environments;
- Access to reliable transportation, and;
- Flexibility to additional nights and/or weekends in accordance with rehearsals, performances, and special events (scheduling provided in advance).

## **Compensation & Benefits**

- \$30 per hour; \$65 per performance;
- Complimentary performance tickets;
- Staff discounts on programs and merchandise, and;
- Opportunities for holiday bonuses.

## **How to Apply**

Interested candidates should prepare the following:

1. Cover letter or e-mail message that expresses interest for position and summarizes relevant qualifications;
2. A one-page résumé which highlights relevant work experience.

All applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and receipt will be acknowledged via e-mail within 3 business days. References will not be contacted without prior permission from the candidate. Any offer of employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background check.

Applications that do not contain all required materials will not be reviewed.

Please address materials to Miguel Aldahondo, Director of Community Programs, and submit them via e-mail to [jobs@pensacolachildrenschorus.com](mailto:jobs@pensacolachildrenschorus.com). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.