

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



MUSICIANSHIP INSTRUCTOR

Posting Date: July 2023
Status: Contract
Reports To: Program Manager

The Pensacola Children's Chorus seeks a music teacher to serve as Musicianship Instructor. The Musicianship Instructor will work in collaboration with the organization's full-time instructional staff and community partners to support the musical and personal growth of young performers.

Funding for this position is provided in part by the Escambia Children's Trust, a taxpayer-funded children's services agency that focuses on the betterment and well-being of the youth in Escambia County, Florida. Through a grant provided by the Trust, the Pensacola Children's Chorus will welcome new singers in grades 1-12 who are designated as "at-risk" into the Resident Choir Program. The Musicianship Instructor will work primarily with this population of singers prior to the start of weekly rehearsals.

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 Musicianship Instructor (MI) leads weekly instruction in music literacy, ear training, and practice techniques to eligible members of the Pensacola Children's Chorus. The MI will work alongside PCC's tutoring partner, Rising Minds Learning, to facilitate these classes during designated pre- or post-rehearsal times.

Working Hours

The MI's musicianship classes will be conducted according to the schedule of PCC's Resident Choir Program (RCP). All RCP rehearsals occur at PCC's downtown facility (46 E. Chase St., 32502) and the surrounding campus of First Presbyterian Church. The MI will conduct classes within the context of a weekly pre-/post-rehearsal skill-building/support session in which singers will have the option of receiving homework or academic subject area assistance from PCC's tutoring partner, Rising Minds, or focus on individual musicianship skill growth as led by the MI. The MI will lead musicianship classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays based on the following schedule:

- Monday - 2:45-3:15 (Grade 3); 2:45-4:30 (Grades 4-5)
- Tuesday - 3:30-4:45 (Grades 9-12)
- Thursday - 2:45-3:30 (Grades 1-2)

Rehearsals for the 2023-2024 season tentatively begin on Tuesday, September 5, and conclude on Thursday, May 2. Most major and school holidays are observed.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Design and implement musicianship lessons in individual and small group settings on the subjects of musical notation, audiation, and sight reading, based on PCC's educational curriculum;
- Document individual student growth over the course of the season;
- Prepare student data reports in compliance with the Escambia Children's Trust upon request;
- 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;
- Serving as an advocate for the Escambia Children's Trust, and;
- Other duties as requested by the Artistic & Executive Director (AED), mutually agreed upon in advance and with additional compensation provided if necessary.

Qualifications & Capabilities

- Bachelor's degree in music, fine arts, or music education (choral, vocal, or elementary/general focus preferred);
- At least 2 years of experience working in a choral or general music setting (experience with low-income and/or at-risk children/youth preferred);
- Knowledge of effective musicianship teaching practices;
- Kind, supportive, engaging, and charismatic demeanor, especially while working with young musicians;
- Ability to differentiate instruction amongst a group of students at varying levels of skill development;
- Strong classroom management skills and positive disciplinary practices;
- Ability to think and work creatively both independently and with direction, as well as in collaborative environments, and;
- Ability to perform job functions within the specified time periods.

Compensation

- \$850/month, or \$7,650 per season, distributed on the 15th of each month for the months of September through May;
- Employee discounts on tuition and related fees;
- Employee discounts on merchandise, and;
- Complimentary performance tickets.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should prepare the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest for position and summarizes relevant qualifications;
2. A résumé which highlights relevant work experience;
3. References with phone number and e-mail address.

All applications will be acknowledged with an e-mail reply within a few days of receipt. References will not be contacted without prior permission from the candidate. Any offer of employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background check.

Please e-mail materials to Juliana Child, Assistant Artistic Director, at jobs@pensacolasings.org, by no later than July 21, 2023. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.