



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: THE VANCOUVER BACH CHOIR SEEKS A NEW ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Vancouver Bach Choir is seeking an Assistant Conductor for the 2019-2020 season, with extension to the 2020-2021 season upon review. The assistant conductor works with the VBC Music Director to aid in the preparation and performance of all concerts for the symphonic adult choir throughout the season.

Rehearsals are weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-10 held at a church in East Vancouver near the Commercial-Broadway Skytrain station. The space is accessible.

Concerts are held primarily in the Orpheum but also in other locations throughout the lower Mainland.

This is a part time position contracted from September-June; attendance at weekly adult choir rehearsals is required, as well as all other rehearsals as necessary.

Working relationships are primarily with the VBC Adult Choir Music Director, but also with the VBC rehearsal pianist, executive director and administration and various external organizations as specified through the season.

This role is ideally suited for an early career choral conductor

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Now in its 88th season, the Vancouver Bach Choir (VBC) provides high quality training and performances of traditional and new choral works for all communities of all ages. With eight choral ensembles, the VBC is one of the largest choral groups in Metro Vancouver and the only organization that provides choral singing and education to nearly 500 voices from kindergarten to adulthood.

As one of the largest symphonic choirs in Canada, the Vancouver Bach Choir's adult program explores a wide range of repertoire from the past to the present with passion and commitment. Under the baton of Maestro Leslie Dala, the VBC continues its mission and tradition to share the vibrant and culturally diverse beauty of choral music with local, national and international communities. Through its series of concerts presented at the magnificent Orpheum Theatre, the adult choir continues to meet its mandate of commissioning and performing works by Canadian composers, performing with numerous world class musicians and presenting the world's favourite symphonic choral works.



PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- All usual and normal services required of a professional conductor appropriate to an organization such as the VBC (under the direction of the VBC Adult Choir Music Director);
- Preparation for and attendance at all regularly scheduled rehearsals of the VBC Adult Choir;
- Regular consultation with the VBC Adult Choir Music Director;
- Readiness to take rehearsals at short notice and sectional rehearsals as arranged;
- Attendance at all orchestral rehearsals and VBC performances;
- Consultation with VBC Adult Choir Music Director on the possible need to act in his/her place at other rehearsals;
- Readiness to conduct performances as agreed upon with the VBC Adult Choir Music Director;

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Vancouver Bach Choir seeks an assistant conductor commencing with the 2019-2020 season.

The successful candidate will have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in music (preferably in choral conducting) and will have experience in conducting choral ensembles. Additional music skills will also be taken into consideration as well as excellent interpersonal skills.

TO APPLY: Please submit a resume and cover letter in a single PDF document titled, "FIRST NAME_LAST NAME_ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR APPLICATION" to nina@vancouverbachchoir.com by March 8th at 5pm.

Please also include a repertoire list of studied choral works, and a link to one to two recent video examples of your conducting. Please DO NOT attach videos directly to your application e-mail as these files are too large for our system and will not reach their destination.

Shortlisted candidates will be informed no later than March 15th and will be asked to attend a live audition on Tuesday, March 26th.

COMPENSATION: \$5500 per annum, paid in 10 monthly installments.

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