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Director of Choral Music

Almost 60 years after the creation of Confederation Centre of the Arts, we are at an important inflection point in our organizational history. Established as a memorial to commemorate the Fathers of Confederation, the Centre has evolved over time into an important space for learning about how this nation was formed, and how our identity continues to evolve—with the arts as our messenger. Through world-class art exhibitions, original theatrical performances, music, dance, education, and heritage programming, hundreds of thousands of visitors from Canada and around the globe have had the opportunity to experience the myriad cultures, identities and stories that shape the Canada of yesterday and today.

Confederation Centre of the Arts is seeking a Director of Choral Music to lead its two choirs: The Confederation Centre Singers (adult choir) and the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus (currently ages 8-18). The Director of Choral Music plays a vital role in the Centre's mission to inspire, engage and celebrate an evolving Canada, and addressing the strategic pillars and priorities set out in the Centre's current Strategic Plan (2019-2024).

This is a part-time role (24 hrs per week) that requires time to be split between administrative and artistic duties. The successful candidate will have, at minimum, an undergraduate degree in music (voice or conducting preferred); established training and experience conducting choirs; and training in elementary methods of music education. Membership with a professional association (e.g., PEI Teachers' Federation, Choral Canada Membership, Nova Scotia Choral Federation or other provincial association membership, etc) is an asset.

This position reports directly to the Director of Arts Education and Heritage. Any accompanists, soloists or musicians hired for choir rehearsals and concerts report to the Director of Choral Music.

Responsibilities include:

- Be passionate about working with children and adults in a choral context;
- Collaborate and work alongside Confederation Centre of the Arts staff to create an inclusive, engaging and artistically vibrant learning environment;
- Be committed to, and interested in, learning more about CCOA's core values, vision and mission;
- Choose diverse, age-appropriate repertoire for the two choirs;
- Foster a healthy singing tone in both young and adult choristers;
- Design, implement and teach progressive theory and musical literacy programs for both choirs;
- Conduct both choirs at rehearsals, dress rehearsals, in-house concerts, and additional performance opportunities as appropriate;
- Oversee daily operations of the choral music program, including the registration process, with the assistance of the Education and Outreach Coordinator;

- Work collaboratively with the Development team on strategy and execution of fundraising initiatives;
- Work collaboratively with the Marketing and Communications department to promote the activities of the choral programs;
- Proactively and positively engage with choristers, parents and volunteers;
- In consultation with the Director of Arts Education and Heritage, actively engage in and explore opportunities for partnerships, collaborations and community engagement;
- Contract professional musicians as needed for concerts;
- Maintain and grow the music library;
- Travel occasionally off-island for performances and professional development;
- Working on a flexible schedule (including days, evenings, and weekends as required) according to operational needs (ie: administrative work, rehearsals, performances, etc.);
- Other duties as assigned by the Director of Arts Education and Heritage.

Qualifications & Certifications:

- Master's degree in Music (specializing in choral conducting or voice would be ideal)
- Knowledge of choral repertoire for adult and youth choirs
- Demonstrated track record of providing outstanding artistic and organizational leadership
- Demonstrated ability to select diverse, challenging, and developmentally appropriate music
- Ability to demonstrate and teach by singing as well as in-depth knowledge of vocal technique(s)
- A patient and encouraging attitude, which nurtures excellence in a supportive environment and that promotes inclusive and equitable learning opportunities
- Demonstrate professional behaviour and judgement, accountability, and strong work ethic
- Show flexibility, creativity, and adaptability to various work environments, balancing teamwork and leadership responsibilities
- Police Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check

How To Apply

Interested candidates should submit their résumé and covering letter, detailing their qualifications as they relate to the position, to the attention of John Mooy, Director of Human Resources, by email at careers@confederationcentre.com or hard copy during regular business hours at the Security Desk of the Administration Offices located at 145 Richmond Street in Charlottetown.

Confederation Centre of the Arts is committed to promoting an inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from under-represented communities including racialized persons, new Canadians, or persons with a disability. When requested, we will provide accommodations to candidates for all aspects of the recruitment and selection process.

Closing Date: July 7, 2023