



Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus Director

Job Announcement

The Wichita Symphony Orchestra seeks a part-time Chorus Director to lead the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The WSO Chorus is an adult volunteer mixed chorus and performs with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra once or twice a year, depending on programming. Rehearsals typically take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with additional rehearsals during the week of performances.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and conduct chorus rehearsals.
- Attend all combined orchestra & chorus rehearsals to consult with Music Director regarding artistic needs.
- Collaborate fully with the Music Director in preparation of musical decisions, repertoire, etc.
- Select and mentor section leaders (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass).
- Communicate directly with Chorus Assistant for the organization of rehearsals (including specific instructions for section leaders), roster, and other logistics.
- Be a liaison between the chorus and the WSO Operations Manager for coordination of logistics regarding rehearsal and performance setups and needs.
- Recruit and audition (if applicable) all singers for the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus.
- Exhibit a passion for engaging the community in support of the arts.
- Communicate with the conductors of any guest choruses regarding musical needs.
- Act as a representative of the Wichita Symphony. Be available for publicity and other pertinent events leading up to performances.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Outstanding musicianship plus professional choral and orchestral conducting skills.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully recruit singers for choruses.
- Possess thorough knowledge of major choral literature, experience working with large choruses, and ability to meet high performance standards.
- Lead with energy, vision, and dynamism, and have excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.
- Graduate degree in conducting or demonstrated professional experience required.
- Candidate must be legally eligible to work in the United States. The Wichita Symphony will not assume responsibility and assistance for obtaining appropriate work documents.

SALARY

Dependent on experience and number of scheduled engagements per season. The Wichita Symphony does not provide a travel allowance.

TO APPLY

Visit www.wichitasymphony.org/about/auditions-careers and complete the online application. Click [here](#) to go directly to the online application. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2019.

Auditions for invited candidates will take place on the evenings of February 24 & 25, 2020.

For questions, please contact Samantha Davis, Operations Manager, at sdavis@wso.org.

ABOUT THE WSO CHORUS

Mission: The mission of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus is to present choral masterworks of the highest caliber. The WSO Chorus strives to maintain one of the finest mixed community choral ensembles in the state.

History: The Wichita Symphony Orchestra Chorus formed in the 1970s. The first concert it performed was Handel's *Messiah*. The WSO Chorus performs each season with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. In the past, it has also performed in the Orchestra's Family Holiday Concerts and Pops Concerts.

WSO Chorus directors have included Randy Zuercher, Rod Walker, Dr. Cecil Riney, and Dr. Michael Hanawalt. The interim director for the 2019-2020 season is Matthew Udland. The WSO Chorus has performed, along with the WSO, under Music Directors Michael Palmer, Zuohuang Chen, Andrew Sewell, and currently, Daniel Hege. The WSO Chorus has performed under guest conductors such as David Lockington and Jay Decker.

In 1994 and 2001, the Symphony Chorus traveled to New York and performed Handel's *Messiah* at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Robert Shaw. During the summer of 2019 the WSO Chorus traveled to Prague to perform *Carmina Burana*.