

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Conducting Apprentice

Overseen by: Music Director, Assistant Conductor

Works with: Section leaders, accompanists

Statement of the Job: The Conducting Apprentice is an unpaid entry-level musical position to provide interested persons with conducting and musical preparation experience commensurate with their previous experience. A one-year position, the Conducting Apprentice(s) shall assist the Music Director and Assistant Conductor with all rehearsals and concerts during the BCCO season. Open to instruction, he or she will be personable, detail-oriented, and will work with the artistic staff to provide a high level of musical experience for the BCCO. At the discretion of the Music Director he or she may run sectionals as needed and will be provided with other opportunities for musical growth. The Conducting Apprentice will be overseen by the Music Director and the Assistant Conductor and will work with all members of the BCCO community.

Essential Functions

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Attend and assist the Music Director and Assistant Conductor with the musical preparation of both the chorus and the orchestra at all rehearsals and concerts
- Potentially run and conduct sectionals and/or warm-ups as needed in conjunction with section leaders at the discretion of the Music Director
- Communicating as a "spokesperson" with various stakeholders associated with the BCCO
- Attend all BCCO events as needed and assist Music Director in performance of his services
- Serve as a liaison with guest artists and assist with guest soloist rehearsals
- Aid with chorus recruitment as needed
- Keyboard, vocal, or instrumental skills a plus

Demonstrates

Excellent musicianship skills

Experience with instrumental and vocal ensembles a plus

Excellent organizational and communication skills, both written and oral

Ability to work effectively with a diverse team of singers, board and artistic staff

Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously and meet deadlines

Ability to effectively communicate with multiple constituent groups including general public, partner organizations, guest artists, donors, etc.

Ability to embrace, embody, and reflect BCCO values such as excellence, community, and creativity

Flexible, creative, and innovative in approach to problem solving

Interest and ability to be a motivational role model for BCCO singers and players

Ability to work under frequent observation and take direction

Compensation

The Conducting Apprentice is an unpaid position.