

Choir Leader Job Specification

POSITION:	Choir Leader
CONTRACT:	Part-time, 3.5 hours per week
RATE OF PAY:	£45 per hour (choir rehearsals and recruitment workshops)
HOURS:	Choir sessions are 1.5 hours in length, but we require the leader to be present 15 minutes before the first session, and for 15 minutes afterwards.
LOCATION:	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil, BA20 2DD
START DATE:	September 2023

ABOUT THE ROLE:

Armonico Consort in partnership with The Octagon Theatre & Westlands Entertainment Venue are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic choir leader to set up and deliver two new children's choirs for 8-11 year olds and 12-16 year olds, which will run at Westlands Entertainment Venue as part of the Octagon Academy participation programme.

These choirs will be delivered in partnership with Armonico Consort, with the appointed choir lead to receive training and support from Armonico Consort's Education team and choirs able to take part in Armonico Consort's exciting programme of events – including a concert at the Royal Albert Hall in June 2024 alongside 2,000 other children!

Armonico Consort is a critically acclaimed choir and instrumental ensemble which entertains audiences across the country with its high-quality concerts, outstanding recordings, and innovative projects.

The right candidate will have proven choir leading capabilities and excellent communication skills that will inspire and encourage our young singers. We will require recruitment workshops / assemblies to take place in September so that our singers are signed up ready for a September start. A pianist will be provided for rehearsals and recruitment workshops / assemblies.

We are aiming for both our children's and young persons' choir to each have a membership of 50 singers by December 2023.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply, please electronically submit your CV and covering letter to Gaynor Larkin, Head of Education, glarkin@armonico.org.uk no later than **midnight, Monday 3 July 2023**. In your covering letter please explain your suitability for the role and why it is of interest to you.

Please include details of **two referees**. We will call for references after a successful audition / interview.

CANDIDATE SPECIFICATION:

Skills and Experience	Essential / Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong choir leading skills including appropriate vocal warm-ups 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong interpersonal skills; motivating, energising and inspiring in rehearsals 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to plan suitable repertoire to inspire and motivate young singers 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High expectations of behaviour during rehearsals (and the ability to manage any behaviour which falls short of your expectations) 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to prepare young singers for high-quality concerts, and to conduct concerts as required 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with children 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of, and ability to use, a variety of social media for professional purposes 	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of delivering motivational recruitment workshops / assemblies in local schools; active and proactive in the recruitment of new members 	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to play the piano (if the pianist is absent) 	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to travel for recruitment workshops and concerts 	Essential

Person Specification	Essential / Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional written and verbal communication with a friendly, approachable and professional manner 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound musical knowledge 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to manage and prioritise a varied concert workload 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to work additional hours on concert days 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the importance of maintaining records securely and of adhering to legal requirements on safeguarding, privacy and data security 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that we are an organisation who is passionate about our people and understands that richness of diversity is integral to providing the best possible services to our audiences. We particularly welcome applications from people from diverse backgrounds and who represent the communities in which we deliver our work. 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to represent the company in a professional manner and well presented (branded tops will be provided for concert days) 	Essential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctual and fully prepared for recruitment assemblies, rehearsals and concerts 	Essential

Note: This Job Description reflects the current situation.
It does not preclude change or development that might be required in the future.