



**Merit School of Music
Chicago, Illinois**

Part-time Position Announcement:

**Choir Director
*Merit Music in Communities***

Description

Merit School of Music seeks a highly qualified candidate for the position of Choir Director to start teaching no later than the week of **October 9th** in our *Merit Music in Communities* Program. The successful candidate will teach two 1-hour weekly choir rehearsals at the Sidney Epstein Youth Center (3415 W 13th Pl, Chicago, IL 60623). Exact rehearsal schedule is tentative, and an accompanist may be provided.

Organization Overview

Since its founding in 1979, Merit School of Music has successfully motivated and inspired over 50,000 young people with high-quality music instruction. The School's broad-ranging comprehensive curriculum, extensive level of financial aid, sense of community and the standard of excellence set forth by the faculty and students are major components of its success.

Merit offers a multi-leveled, structured curriculum in a college preparatory environment. Programs take place at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center in Chicago's West Loop and at nearly 30 locations in neighborhoods across the City. Instruction is offered to approximately 5,000 students of all ages, from infants to adults, and from beginners to the Juilliard-bound by over 150 accomplished faculty members.

Merit has an annual operating budget of approximately \$6 million, of which more than half is supported by contributed revenue, with a third coming from earned revenue, including rental income.

Mission

Merit School of Music transforms the lives of Chicago-area youth through removing barriers to high-quality music education.

Reporting Relationship

The **Choir Director** reports to the **Voice and Guitar Program Director**

Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the **Choir Director** include, but are not limited to:

- Teaching at least 2 hours of weekly choir rehearsals to students aged 6 - 12

- Prepare students for performances two to three times per year, as agreed upon by Merit and site administrators
- Provide the highest quality of instruction to a diverse group of students
- Support students' growth through Merit's continuum of programming
- Attend Merit faculty meetings and departmental meetings
- Other projects as assigned

Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated success teaching choir to similar age groups (ages 6 – 12)
- Ability to communicate effectively and work well with Merit staff and partnering leadership
- Punctual, professional, and collegial
- Enthusiastic and adaptable
- The ability to travel via car or public transportation

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in Music or equivalent experience

Schedule

Tentative

- Mondays **OR** Thursdays
 - 4:30 – 5:30 pm (ages 6 - 8)
 - 5:30 – 6:30 pm (ages 9 - 12)

Compensation

\$50 per hour plus travel expenses (round-trip mileage as calculated from Merit School of Music)

Interested candidates should send résumé to:

hr@meritmusic.org

No phone calls or faxes please.

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit www.meritmusic.org.

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