



Merit School of Music  
Chicago, Illinois

**Temporary Part-Time Position Announcement:**

## **Choir Accompanist Instrumental and Vocal Music Program**

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### **Description**

Merit School of Music is seeking a Choir Accompanist for the Instrumental and Vocal Music Program's Summer Children's Choir (Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade). The Choir Accompanist **will begin no later than Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. The summer session runs through the week of August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center. A successful candidate will have priority in accepting additional accompanist vacancies for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

### **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 \$6 million, of which nearly half is supported by contributed revenue.

#### Mission

Merit School of Music transforms the lives of Chicago-area youth by providing the highest quality music education – with a focus on underserved communities – inspiring young people to achieve their full musical and personal potential.

### **Reporting Relationship**

**Choir Accompanist** reports to the **Voice Program Director**.

## Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the choir accompanist include, but are not limited to:

- Accompany Children's Choir during rehearsals and concerts
- Collaborating with the Children's Choir conductor on all rehearsal and performance related matters
- Other projects as assigned

## Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Strong communication skills
- Demonstrated success as an accompanist or performer
- Ability to collaborate and work well with colleagues and administrators
- Ability to work well with young students
- Professional and punctual
- Previous experience with accompanying choirs preferred

## Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in Music or equivalent experience

## Schedule

Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 6:30 pm

## Compensation

Compensation is \$40.00 per hour.

**Interested candidates should send résumé to:**

[hr@meritmusic.org](mailto:hr@meritmusic.org)

**No phone calls or faxes please.**

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org).

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