**The Nashua Choral Society seeks an Artistic Director for Fall 2022**

**Information and Application Information**

**Job Description**

 **Duties and Responsibilities**:

1. Plan, rehearse, and conduct concerts of the chorus (and orchestra if applicable) for the 2022-2023 Season. Rehearsals are scheduled Monday evenings from 7-9pm. Our season begins in September and runs through June with a break from mid-December till early January. Dates of rehearsals, dress rehearsals and concerts to be determined by the NCS Board.
2. Develop all aspects of the self-produced performances by the chorus as well as preparing the chorus to sing with the Nashua Chamber Orchestra, Symphony NH and/or any other contracted orchestra.
3. Identify the appropriate music scores for singers and instrumentalists in a timely manner and communicate selections to the NCS Board for purchase or rental.
4. Conduct voice placements for new choral members at the start of each semester, as needed.
5. Identify any appropriate soloist and instrumentation needs for each concert and communicate selections to The NCS Board so they may proceed with hiring.

**Requirements:** Advanced music degree from an accredited program with equivalent years of choral conducting experience. Demonstrated success in directing a chorus of similar (or larger) size with similar artistic goals. Experience in planning and executing concert programs. Facility in arrangement (including SATB, SSAA and SAB). Strong leadership and interpersonal skills with ability to meet schedules, timelines, and budgets.

The Artistic Director is a part-time position of The Nashua Choral Society, Nashua, New Hampshire, a 35-member all-volunteer symphonic chorus. S/he reports to the Board of Directors while working in conjunction, and in consultation with, the Board. S/he works closely with the Board to fulfill the Chorale’s vision, mission, programmatic and artistic goals as articulated by the Board, and is expected to lead the chorus’s artistic endeavors with energy and artistic and entrepreneurial vision.

**Nashua Choral Society** **Profile:**

Founded in 1965, The Nashua Choral Society is a non-auditioned 35-voice volunteer chorus embracing a broad representation of singers from the southern NH area. Recognized in Nashua the chorus has a decades-long tradition of elevating the cultural experience of the community. The chorus provides a choral singing experience for community singers with a ticketed December concert as well as a ticketed spring concert. This spring, May 1, 2022, the chorus performed an outdoor free community concert event focusing on “Songs of America”.

In addition to two traditional concerts performed annually, the Chorale may present a variety of special appearance concerts and outreach and education activities in the area and beyond, such as The Silver Knights Baseball Games.

Designated in 1965 as the “Principal Chorus of what is now Symphony NH”, The Nashua Choral Society had been featured annually on the orchestra’s Christmas and spring series and is planning an 100th Anniversary Concert in Spring 2023 performing the “Mozart Requiem”.

Beginning in May 2020 there were no concerts performed and all rehearsals were on ZOOM and using our “Driveway Chorus” system. In September 2021 we began meeting in person again, observing vaccine, mask, and distancing protocols of all members, and as the mask mandate lifted, our rehearsal space made masks optional which it currently remains at this time. For 2022-2023, we have not made any formal announcements or changes with regard to COVID but expect to adhere to a similar protocol.

**To Apply:** Please send cover letter and resume electronically to Kathy Andrle for the Nashua Choral Society at kma9000gaudi@gmail.com; Please direct any questions to the same email address.

* Include any links to video or audio of recent choral performances.
* Provide two or three professional references.
* Propose a preliminary concert program for December 2022 with estimated instrumentation and soloist costs.

**Compensation Range:**

Fall 2022- commensurate with experience

Resumes will be reviewed by search committee members as they are received and will be narrowed down to a few candidates to proceed with an interview in person or via video conference.

Applications may be submitted until July 25th.  Candidates will be notified of the Board’s decision by the second week of August to ensure time for preparation of repertoire and obtaining scores for the start of the Fall Semester in September 2022.

**Location:** Nashua, New Hampshire.
Application Due By: July 25th, 2022

**Nashua Choral Society Previous Concert Programs:**

**Spring 2022 - May 1** Songs of America – Made for you and me

**Fall 2021- Dec 5** Season of Lights – Christmas Favorites

**Spring 2021**-cancelled/Covid

**Fall 2020**-cancelled/Covid

**Spring 2020** w/Nashua Chamber Orchestra – cancelled

**Spring 2020** - March 29 Haydn; St Nicolas Mass and Te Deum w/Symphony NH

**Fall 2019** – Dec 8 – Awake its Christmas – **Vivaldi** Magnificat

**Bach** Cantata #140; selections from **Handel’s Messiah**; Carols

**Fall 2019**- Oct 19 Pops Concert

**Spring-2019** – May 5 Mozart Requiem

**Fall 2018-Dec 2** JS Bach – Christmas Oratorio

**Summer 2018-June 2/3** Opera Choruses w/Nashua Chamber Orchestra

**Spring 2018 - April 28** Beethoven, Mass in C minor

**Fall 2017 - Dec 3** Handel’s Messiah

**Spring 2017 - May 20** H Purcell, Dido and Aeneus

**Spring 2017 - April 1** R Thompson, Frostiana

**Fall 2016 - Dec 4** Handel’s Messiah

**Fall 2016 - Nov 5/6** **Haydn**, Mass in Time of War (Pauken Messe)

w/Nashua Chamber Orchestra:

**Spring 2016 – May 21** Gilbert & Sullivan, Mad and Fun Choruses

**Spring 2016 – Apr 10** Poulenc Gloria

**Fall 2015 – Dec 6** Handel’s Messiah

**Fall 2015 – Nov 7/8** **Faure** Requiem w/Nashua Chamber Orchestra: