



Vermont Youth Orchestra Association
Conductor, Vermont Youth Chorale

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association (VYOA) announces a search for the position of Conductor of the Vermont Youth Chorale.

The Vermont Youth Chorale (Chorale) is a treble choir for middle school singers in grades 6 – 8. The Chorale performs two concerts annually with the VYOA's high school chorus, Vermont Youth Chorus, at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College and with the VYOA's orchestras at the annual December *OrchestraChorusPalooza* at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts.

This position is part time, and involves conducting the Chorale's weekly rehearsals (Tuesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm), at performances, one day of school performances in the spring, and at the annual two-day Choral Minicamp (August). The Conductor of the Chorale collaborates with the VYOA's Music Director and the conductor of the Chorus in setting the artistic and educational goals of the choral program. The Conductor also collaborates with conductors of other VYOA instrumental ensembles as repertoire and performance opportunities permit. The Conductor develops the assessment process for chorus membership and personally meets with all returning and prospective members prior to the start of each season. This position reports to the VYOA's Music Director.

The successful candidate will demonstrate

- Dedication to music education
- Enthusiasm and energy needed to inspire young musicians
- Capacity to develop the musicianship skills of young singers through repertoire selection, rehearsal techniques, and performance experiences
- Effective skills as a choral conductor for young singers and evidence of experience conducting choral ensembles
- Understanding of vocal development of young singers
- Ability to set high standards while maintaining a positive, encouraging environment
- Commitment to fostering a collaborative, cooperative relationship with area school music programs
- Ability to represent the VYOA positively and attract new chorus members
- Vision for program development and innovation

Qualifications

- Significant experience in choral conducting in an educational setting
- Strong background in musicianship training for students in grades 6-8
- At minimum a Bachelor's degree in Music; holders of advanced degrees are encouraged to apply

To apply, submit the following materials to rosina@vyo.org by May 26, 2017. Please include

“Chorale Conductor” in the subject heading:

- cover letter
- resume (including three references)
- programs from recent performances
- a brief statement of your views on the role of an extracurricular choral program in the development of young singers and how such a program can complement and strengthen school music programs

The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association is an equal opportunity employer.