



Choir Accompanist

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Choir Accompanist
Appointment details: Up to 3 hours a week for 30 rehearsals
Location: Perth
Rate: £23/hour (under review)

We are seeking a talented accompanist for NYCOS Perth Boys Choir which rehearses on Tuesday evenings at North Inch Community Campus. The accompanist supports all sections of the choir in an eclectic mix of music from contemporary Scottish composers and from around the world. Expenses may be available.

NYCOS has established a network of fifteen Regional Choirs across Scotland from the Isle of Lewis to Dumfries. These choirs meet once a week during term time, where children aged 7 –18 learn and sing together with others their age. As well as singing in a group, children progress through our musicianship programme (based on the Kodály approach) and develop skills such as learning to read music, pitching, rhythm, sound production and simple theory.

In recent years, NYCOS Perth Boys Choir has taken part in Children's Classic Concerts in Dundee and at the Light Night Ceremony in Edinburgh. Qualified Music Staff are employed to assist in the running of the choir, which is directed by Daniel Walsh.

Organisation Background

NYCOS is dedicated to providing high level singing opportunities that enable Scotland's young singers to flourish.

Our strategic objectives are:

- To establish, encourage, enhance and support choral singing at all levels to the highest standards for Scotland's young people.
- To provide training, support and resources for those who direct choral singing and deliver vocal education.
- To be a powerful advocate for choral singing at all levels of cultural and educational life in Scotland.

NYCOS is an organisation that:

- Is forward looking
- Is passionate, determined and proud of all that we do
- Makes choral singing accessible to all
- Is aware of its challenges and takes steps to embrace change needed
- Cares for and about young people
- Wants to make a difference
- Thrives on innovation
- Takes responsibility and delivers with honesty and integrity

Key Responsibilities:

- To accompany all rehearsals on Tuesday evenings
- To play for concerts in June and December and possible additional events

Knowledge/Skills and Experience*Essential*

- Highly skilled pianist with good sight-reading skills
- Experience in accompanying
- Experience working with young people
- Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the aims of NYCOS in promoting and enhancing choral singing in Scotland

Desirable

- Knowledge of the Kodály approach to music education

How to apply

Please send a note of interest and your CV to carole.allen@nycos.co.uk by **5pm on Friday 17 April**