

Collaborative Pianist/Teaching Assistant for Prelude Choir Classes (PreK-K) 2024-2025 Season

Job Opening, Bellevue Youth Choirs: Collaborative Pianist/Teaching Assistant

Days of Service: Wednesdays and potentially Tuesdays in January

First Rehearsal: Wednesday September 4th

To Apply: Send a letter of interest and resume to Managing Artistic Director Kayla Johnson (kayla@bellevueyouthchoirs.org) as soon as possible.

Job Specifics: BYC seeks a Teaching Assistant to join our team and work with our Pre-K to Kindergarten choirs. This person will work closely with our lead director for this age group. Attending concerts is entirely optional and piano skills are not necessary. We would also welcome a Collaborative Pianist and this role could be combined with piano needs for other choirs.

The ideal candidate has a passion for early childhood music and is able to assist the director with any student needs.

About BYC: Bellevue Youth Choirs (BYC) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2012 and is comprised of a variety of choir levels serving youth in Pre-K through 12th grade from the greater Bellevue area. Choristers learn musicianship, vocal technique, performance skills, and participate in mainstage concerts, outreach and community events, and collaborations with the finest musicians and choral groups. The auditioned choirs participate in regional choral festivals and tours.

Mission Statement: The mission of Bellevue Youth Choirs is to create a joyful, inclusive musical community for youth by providing exemplary musicianship training and exciting performance opportunities.

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays from 5:10-5:55pm and 6:00-6:45pm as the teaching assistant for director Janet Ankomah.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Provide classroom assistance for Ms. Janet Ankomah during Prelude rehearsal (PreK-K) on Wednesdays from 5:00 6:45pm. (Includes arriving 10 minutes earlier than choristers)
- Be a confident vocal model for students in rehearsal.
- Serve as a role model (rehearsal technique, mutual respect, musical/vocal) for choristers in all choir levels.
- Optionally attend our March and June Mainstage concerts (tentatively planned for March 22nd and June 14th)

Qualifications:

- Formal music training; degree in collaborative piano or music education preferred.
- Passion for early childhood music education.
- Prior experience teaching children in a classroom setting preferred.

- Desire to create artistry with young people; experience working with preschool/elementary aged students.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate clearly with children and adults.

Employee Status:

Regular hourly, part-time, September through June. This is a one-year contract position with the possibility of renewal.

Compensation:

Pay rate is \$40 per hour. 1.75 hours per week for Wednesday rehearsals with outreach or concerts being additional pay if added.

Reports to:

Managing Artistic Director – Kayla Johnson

Job Location:

Rehearsals are at Cross of Christ Church in Bellevue (411 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007) Concert locations TBD

Bellevue Youth Choirs is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity at all levels. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, ethnicity, marital status, disability, or religious belief. Successful candidates must pass a Criminal Records Check and have legal status to work in the USA.

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