



Spiritus Chamber Choir is inviting applications for a permanent Artistic Director.

Spiritus Chamber Choir is an internationally award-winning amateur choir founded in 1995 and based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Spiritus has been recognized both nationally and internationally for its high-quality performances, musicianship, and unique collaborations. Spiritus is committed to excellence in choral music, performing for music lovers in Calgary and surrounding areas. Spiritus is an auditioned ensemble made up of the highest calibre of amateur singers.

Interested candidates are asked to submit the following to adsearch@spirituschamberchoir.ca:

- Résumé outlining education, conducting experience, and vocal training
- Two or three videos and/or audio recordings of past conducting work
- Selection of printed programs of past performances
- Relevant media coverage if available
- A proposed concert program you would suggest for Spiritus

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICANTS: June 28, 2022

The Artistic Director reports to the Board of Directors and is tasked with presenting a high-level and varied concert series which includes but is not limited to:

- Newly commissioned works
- Collaborations with guest instrumentalists, vocalists and other ensembles across Canada

Each season the choir typically produces 3 or 4 concerts in the Calgary area, each with its own repertoire. In addition, collaborations with other artists or ensembles, recordings and tours both nationally and internationally are also considered.

General responsibilities of the Artistic Director include, but are not limited to:

- Planning an annual concert season
- Preparing the choir for guest appearances

- Attracting and auditioning new and existing choristers
- Working with the Board to book and secure venues, negotiate with guest artists
- Working with the volunteer librarian to acquiring music
- Directing weekly Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30pm to 10:00pm during concert season (September–May)
- Conducting all concerts in the Spiritus concert season
- Attending and providing a report to all meetings of the Board of Directors
- Representing Spiritus to the media, grant associations, donors, the arts community and the community of Calgary as a whole
- Assisting in marketing and promotion of the choir and its events
- Assisting in cultivating donors and communicate with grant associations; participate in fundraising events
- Overseeing and articulating the long-range artistic vision of the choir with implementation through multi-year artistic plans

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Artistic Director has the support of a performance and marketing coordinator, a volunteer librarian, and the volunteer Board of Directors.

Qualifications and traits of the Artistic Director should include but are not limited to:

- Degree in Music or Choral Conducting with extensive experience with choral works
- Excellent sight reading and piano skills are considered an asset, though the Artistic Director is not required to accompany rehearsals or concerts
- Forward-thinking individual who embraces diversity
- Excellent networking and people skills
- Passion for involvement in community

A short list of candidates will be contacted after the closing date to audition live with the choir.

This is a full-year contract position. Please direct any questions to adsearch@spirituschamberchoir.ca.