

Virginia Children's Chorus
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Choral Accompanist

The Virginia Children's Chorus (VCC) is seeking a piano accompanist or accompanists for our four ensembles: Training Choir (beginner), Choristers (intermediate), Concert Choir (advanced treble) and Chamber Singers (advanced four-part). Applicants may apply to accompany the choirs as noted in the description below. This position would begin in January 2026. VCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts education organization in Norfolk, Virginia. Website: www.vachildrenschorus.org.

Founded in 1992, VCC has grown in both size and reputation to become a vital part of the Hampton Roads music community. Our auditioned singers, ages 5 to 18, come from every corner of Hampton Roads. VCC sings in concert throughout the community during our season, which runs from September through May / June. During the season, our choirs rehearse at Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St., Norfolk on Monday and Tuesday. An additional rehearsal site is located in Virginia Beach for Training Choir on Wednesdays at Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Rd.

The Chorus Accompanist reports to the Artistic Director, Corbin T. Pinto and schedules rehearsal and concert time with VCC's four choral directors: Corbin Pinto (Concert Choir), Lynne German (Training Choir), Taylor Walkup-Amos (Choristers) and William Boardman (Chamber Singers).

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Accompany the Choristers, Concert Choir & Chamber Singers rehearsals on Monday from approximately 5:30 – 8:15 pm at the Norfolk rehearsal site
- Accompany the Training Choir at Tuesday (Norfolk) and Wednesday (Virginia Beach) rehearsal from approximately 4:45 – 6:15 pm. Frequency will be determined with Lynne German, TC Director; usually 2 times before each performance.
- Accompany Saturday rehearsals as scheduled; usually two times per semester
- Accompany the choir groups at 8 to 10 community concerts each season at venues throughout Hampton Roads, as scheduled.
- Periodic additional rehearsals as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Undergraduate degree in relevant field; post-graduate degree is preferred
- Prior experience as a choral accompanist, music educator and/or conductor
- Strong technical and artistic abilities
- Excellent music sight-reading skills
- Excellent advance rehearsal preparation of both piano and voice parts
- Basic understanding of the voice and choral techniques
- Ability to transpose and/or improvise
- High level of responsibility and professionalism
- A pleasant demeanor with strong communication skills
- Enjoys working with young singers

The accompanist is considered a valued member of the VCC artistic staff, and is expected to have a vested interest in the students' growth and continued success.

SALARY

Hourly rate of \$30.50.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, resume including work experience, and 3 references to Grace Parkinson, Executive Director via e-mail (vccexecdir@verizon.net). References should include their contact phone number and e-mail address. At least one reference should be a conductor with whom you have held an accompanist position. Please phone the Executive Director at (757) 440-9100 with questions.

An audition will be held during the scheduled interview to include 3 pieces:

1. Pianist's Choice_- prepare a piece/excerpt that best demonstrates your technique & playing abilities. Any style, solo or choral piece, no longer than 2 minutes. Please bring 2 copies for the directors.
2. Prepared piece to play with conductor which will be sent in advance.
3. Sight reading piece which will be provided at the interview

Virginia Children's Chorus is a non-profit, non-sectarian, equal opportunity cultural arts organization. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in the employment of faculty or staff, the admission or treatment of students, or in the operation of its education activities. Anyone meeting the above qualifications is encouraged to apply.

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