



## **Spirito Singers**

### **Conductor – Forte ensemble**

#### **Description**

Spirito Singers seeks an experienced and highly-qualified choral conductor to work with the singers of our Forte ensemble (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders). Rehearsals take place weekly from 5:00-6:00 pm on Monday evenings from January 26-April 27, 2026 at First Congregational Church of La Grange.

Forte performs with the rest of Spirito Singers in two large concerts each season. The Spring Concert will take place on May 3, 2026.

The Forte Conductor will also act as the choir director at Camp Spirito, a day camp for girls in grades 1-6, which will take place June 22-26, 2026 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Elmhurst.

#### **Organization Overview**

Spirito Singers is a feminist youth choir based in Chicago's western suburbs. Comprised of three ensembles for trebles in grades 2-12, as well as a men's ensemble, Spirito inspires its singers to be leaders through music education, performance excellence, and service. With singers hailing from over 40 communities, Spirito singers are a tight-knit community with core values of acceptance, collaboration, and sisterhood.

#### **Reporting Relationship**

The Forte Conductor reports to Spirito's Artistic Director, Carling FitzSimmons. The Forte Conductor will work closely with the Forte Collaborative Pianist, who reports to the Forte Conductor. This position will begin as a team-teaching position with the Artistic Director, with the Forte Conductor taking over more and more responsibility as the semester progresses, and fully taking the lead by late March.

#### **Job Responsibilities**

Responsibilities of the Conductor include:

- Work with the Artistic Director to program age- and developmentally-appropriate repertoire for each semester
- Lead weekly rehearsals, delivering a high-quality choral education to 15-20 elementary-school-aged singers
- Recruit and retain a cohort of singers through enthusiastic, engaging programming and supportive rehearsals

- Communicate with the Forte Collaborative Pianist regarding weekly rehearsal plans, and work together to deliver instruction
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding call times, attendance, expectations, and other ensemble-related matters
- Take and maintain accurate attendance records, communicating with parents and the Artistic Director when necessary
- Conduct Forte in both major concerts each season
- Other duties as requested

### **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated success working with singers (success with younger voices a plus)
- Understanding of young voices and knowledge of age-appropriate choral repertoire
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- Passion for Spirito's mission of leadership, excellence, and service
- Ability to design and implement creative, engaging rehearsals
- The ability to be prompt, responsive, and professional in all aspects of the work
- Cheerful, welcoming, and fun-loving attitude

### **Educational Requirements**

Bachelor's degree in music, music education, music performance, a closely-related field, and/or prior experience teaching.

### **Compensation**

The Forte Conductor is compensated at a rate of \$60/hr. for rehearsals. All performances and dress rehearsals are compensated at a rate of \$120/call.

### **To Apply**

Please submit your resume detailing relevant experience and qualifications for the role, as well as a brief cover letter, to [cfitzsimmons@spiritosingers.org](mailto:cfitzsimmons@spiritosingers.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt of their materials and further guidance and updates about the hiring process via email, with in-person interviews scheduled for finalists.

For more information about Spirito Singers, please visit [www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org).