



## **Spirito Singers**

### **Fall 2024 Elective Instructor – Triple Threat**

#### **Description**

Spirito Singers seeks an enthusiastic and experienced teaching artist to teach a new elective class called "Triple Threat" for singers in our Ragazze ensemble (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade trebles). Fall electives take place weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:15-8:00 pm from August 20-December 3 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.

#### **Class Description**

Our newest elective class, Triple Threat helps singers develop self-confidence and stage presence, whether they're acting, dancing, or singing. Exercises in improvisation, character development, theater games, scene partner work, and basic stage directions will strengthen students' acting abilities, while dance combinations and basic musical theater steps help build coordination and confidence. Perfect for the veteran musical theater performer as well as those with less stage experience, this course will help all students feel more comfortable as performers, and allow them to self-identify as a "triple threat" by the end of the class. A final showcase for friends and family will allow students to demonstrate their new skills.

#### **Reporting Relationship**

The Triple Threat Instructor reports to Spirito's Artistic Director, Carling FitzSimmons.

#### **Job Responsibilities**

Responsibilities of the Triple Threat Instructor include:

- Develop an overall lesson plan, as well as weekly lessons to strengthen course objectives
- Deliver high-quality theater and dance instruction to around 12 middle-school-aged singers each week
- Communicate with singer families and other artistic staff as needed
- Organize and run Final Showcase

## **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Extensive musical theater experience (either in school or professionally)
- Enthusiasm for working with young singers
- Proven success as a teaching artist
- Extensive knowledge of all ages of musical theater, from the Golden Age to contemporary works
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- 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, theater, education, performance, a closely-related field, and/or prior experience teaching or working as a theater teaching artist.

## **Compensation**

The Triple Threat Instructor is compensated at a rate of \$50/hr. for all classes.

## **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 **August 20, 2024**. 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).