



Spirito Singers **Collaborative Pianist – Forte ensemble**

Description

Spirito Singers seeks an experienced and highly-qualified collaborative pianist to work with the conductor and singers of our Forte ensemble (2nd-4th graders). Rehearsals take place weekly from 5:00-6:00 pm on Monday nights during the school year at First Congregational Church of La Grange.

Forte performs two majors concerts per year – one in December and one in May.

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 Collaborative Pianist reports to the Forte conductor, and to Spirito's Artistic Director, Carling FitzSimmons.

Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Collaborative Pianist include:

- Play at weekly Forte rehearsals, assisting with part-learning, warm-ups, and vocal reinforcement during the rehearsal process when necessary
- Perform with Forte in all major concerts each season
- Together with the conductor, deliver a high-quality choral education to a group of elementary-school-aged singers each week
- Other duties as requested

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Experience working with choirs (experience with young voices a plus)
- Excellent sight-reading abilities
- Ability to read western classical notation in both close and open score
- Improvisation skills and ability to read lead sheet notation a plus

- 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, music education, music performance, a closely-related field, and/or prior experience teaching or working as a collaborative pianist for choirs.

Compensation

The Forte Collaborative Pianist is compensated at a rate of \$50/hr. for rehearsals. All performances and dress rehearsals are compensated at a rate of \$100/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. 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.