



Piano Accompanist Open Position

Position Description:

The accompanist is responsible for providing musical support and accompaniment to the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra Chorus during rehearsals and performances for the 2023/24 Season. This role requires a skilled pianist who can proficiently play a wide range of repertoire and collaborate effectively with the choral director, singers, and other musicians. The piano accompanist plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall musical experience of the chorus.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Rehearsal Accompaniment**
 - Attend and actively participate in all scheduled chorus rehearsals, working closely with the choral director.
 - Provide accompaniment on the piano during rehearsals, following the conductor's cues and supporting the singers.
 - Play piano parts accurately and with appropriate dynamics, phrasing, and expression, to complement the choral performance.

- **Performance Accompaniment:**
 - Accompany the chorus during public performances, including concerts, recitals, and other musical events.
 - Be prepared to adapt to any last-minute changes or modifications during performances, providing flexible and responsive accompaniment.

- **Music Preparation and Familiarization:**
 - Study and familiarize oneself with the choral repertoire in advance of rehearsals and performances.
 - Independently practice piano parts to ensure fluency and accuracy.
 - Collaborate with the choral director to interpret and understand the musical intentions and nuances of the repertoire.

- **Qualifications and Skills:**
 - Excellent piano playing skills, including sight-reading and improvisation abilities.
 - Proficiency in playing choral parts from open score.
 - Proficiency in playing a wide variety of musical styles.
 - Strong collaborative skills and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.



- Professionalism and a positive attitude towards working with a diverse group of singers and musicians.
- Prior experience as a piano accompanist for a chorus or other vocal ensembles is preferred but not mandatory.

- **Hours**
 - This position requires attendance at weekly evening rehearsals. It may also require weekend availability and travel.

- **Compensation**
 - \$60 per service

- **To apply:**
 - Please email your resume to Johnstown Symphony Chorus Director, Mr. Jeffrey L. Webb, at jwebb@johnstownsymphony.org

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