



About Bel Canto Chorus

Bel Canto Chorus is Southeastern Wisconsin's oldest continually performing arts organization. The group includes an auditioned adult performance chorus of approximately 100 singers and a Senior Singers educational program for those 55 or better who want to sing in an organized performance chorus. Characterized by a heartfelt belief in the value of creating community through music, and supported by devoted singers, audiences, staff, and Board members, the group's passion for sharing the thrill of live choral music has remained steadfast throughout its long history.

Job Description: **Senior Singers Conductor**

We seek a Senior Singers Conductor to direct our educational music program at the Senior Singers sites located in senior living communities. There are currently two sites, San Camillo and Saint John's On The Lake, with a desire to expand the program to more senior living communities in the future. The Senior Singers Program establishes professionally led choral groups at designated locations in the Milwaukee area. The program is well loved by the seniors who participate, offering the physical, mental, emotional, and social benefits of participatory choral singing. The singers love to sing! Their experience levels vary. Some are new to music reading, while others have strong musical backgrounds. They are challenged to sing in unison, two parts, three parts, and four parts (SATB) with good instruction and repetition.

The Senior Singers Conductor would begin in the Fall of 2022. The ideal candidate would be interested in directing additional sites as we expand the program. This hourly, part-time position reports directly to the Music Director.

Major Areas of Responsibility

- Conducting the senior living communities sites for two "semesters" per season - Fall (Mid-Sept thru early-Dec) and Spring (mid-Feb thru early May) sessions each have:
 - Weekly 1.5 hr rehearsals during the day (11 per site)
 - 2 hr dress rehearsal during the day (1 per site)
 - 1 concert with audience sing-along (1 per site) [50min-1hr in length] typically on the weekend or in the evening.
- Repertoire selection and adaptation as needed. The same repertoire is used at both sites. Paid hourly for any adaptation done in Finale or like notation software.
- Creation of concert program for printing. Paid for one hour of program creation per site, per semester.
- Bel Canto volunteers help place music into binders for the singers each semesters using numbered tabs for organization. Help coordinate the volunteers to make sure the music gets inserted correctly.
- Communication with singers, facility (as needed), and Bel Canto staff person.
- Paid professional accompanist provided.
- Attendance at all-staff meetings

Desired Skills and Experience

- Formal educational background in at least one of the following fields: music performance, music education, or music therapy.
- Experience working with children's or senior choirs will be an important plus.
- A positive and empathetic personality that can deal with the unique needs and challenges of this demographic is important.
- Experience with Finale or like notation software.

Compensation and Other Benefits

Compensation is \$67/hour for rehearsals, concerts, repertoire adaptation, and creation of concert programs. Due to the project nature of this position, no paid vacation, sick, personal leave, or holidays provided. No other paid benefits.

To Apply

Submit a resume and thoughtful cover letter to info@belcanto.org. Applicants will only be contacted if chosen to move forward in the interview process.

Bel Canto Chorus is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applicants with diverse backgrounds and experience levels to apply.