

Cantabile

Youth Singers of Silicon Valley

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Elena Sharkova, Artistic Director

Job Posting: Young Men's Chorus Conductor
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Founded in 1994 in Los Altos, CA, Cantabile Youth Singers is an internationally recognized, award-winning choral program providing world-class music education, vocal training, and performance opportunities to Silicon Valley communities. Under the leadership of renowned Artistic Director Elena Sharkova, Cantabile Youth Singers provides choral experiences for over 170 singers ages 5 to 18 through participation in weekly rehearsals, vocal master classes, seasonal concerts, recitals, festivals, recordings, and annual tours. Young people engage their hearts, minds, and voices in joyful and creative learning that fosters such life skills as community building, arts appreciation and advocacy, pursuit of excellence, self-discipline, leadership, and teamwork. More about Cantabile Youth Singers can be found [here](#).

Reporting to the Artistic Director, Young Men's Choir Conductor will be an essential member of Cantabile's artistic leadership. The ideal candidate is an inspiring and experienced conductor and enthusiastic music educator passionate about working with young voices at a high level of artistry and presentation.

This role is for someone excited about growing into a strategic artistic leadership role for an internationally recognized choral program.

Primary Responsibilities

Conductor of Young Men's Chorus (YMC)

- In collaboration with the Artistic Director, further develop YMC's curriculum and program offerings
- Choose, rehearse and direct concert programs
- Plan and conduct rehearsals that include vocal technique, sight-reading with moveable *do*, theory, performance practice, stage presence, and repertoire
- Conduct end-of-year evaluations and seasonal auditions
- Communicate Cantabile philosophy and community spirit clearly and effectively to singers and families, instill high level of commitment to the program and artistic excellence
- Create weekly blogs and recordings of vocal parts as necessary
- Prepare program notes

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Qualifications

- Minimum requirement: Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance, Music Education or Choral Conducting
- Three or more years of successful teaching experience
- Understanding of and experience in teaching changing and changed male voice
- Reliable transportation to come to the south Peninsula in the San Francisco Bay Area once a week for regular rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and concerts. Rehearsals are held in Los Altos, and concerts are scheduled to be held in Palo Alto.

Compensation

This is a part-time position, starting January 6, 2025 and running through June 15, 2025, with a possibility of extending to the following season. Pay is dependent on qualifications and experience and will range from \$1,800-\$2,200 per month.

To Apply

Please send a cover letter, a resume, three references, a short rehearsal and performance video link, and a recent concert program to Artistic Director Elena Sharkova elena@cantabile.org.

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