

Cantabile

Youth Singers of Silicon Valley

Cantabile Youth Singers Elena Sharkova, Artistic Director

Job Posting: Training Division Instructor / Choral Director (Part Time) November 6, 2024

Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley is looking for an enthusiastic and skilled music teacher for our training choirs (singers aged 6-12), for a five-month contract from January 6 to May 17, 2025, with the opportunity to extend into the following year and grow into a full-time position.

The Training Division Instructor is responsible for teaching weekly classes and conducting performances for our training division choirs (Prelude I, Prelude II, Allegro, & Intermezzo) with singers ages 6-12. All rehearsals take place in Los Altos, CA. The Cantabile curriculum for the Training Division is based in singing, movement, musical games, and mindfulness. Dalcroze, Orff and Kodály methods and practices are all incorporated into the curriculum. The Training Division Instructor will report to the Artistic Director.

Responsibilities:

- Direct 2-4 weekly classes/rehearsals on Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoon/evening each week starting January through May
- Prep for rehearsals, including creating lesson plans and selecting music in collaboration with the Artistic Director as needed
- Deliver musicianship curriculum during these classes
- Communicate with parents and provide semester- or year-end evaluations
- The position includes up to two additional weekend rehearsals per semester, one dress rehearsal each semester and three concerts (December and May), as well as semester-end recitals for the youngest groups (December and April)

Support:

- On-site student assistant to demonstrate, assist with musicianship curriculum and/or provide piano support
- Staff accompanist for pre-concert rehearsals
- Full-time administrative and executive staff manage high-level program oversight and marketing/communications

Qualifications:

- Vocal Music Education degree or equivalent
- Experience in teaching young singers
- Formal training in Orff and Kodály methods, familiarity with Dalcroze method
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Functional piano skills
- Reliable transportation to the south Peninsula (rehearsals are in Los Altos, spring concerts will be in Los Altos and Palo Alto)

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Compensation:

This is an independent contractor position. Position will spend an average of six hours per week on-site in rehearsals and performances, with remaining work (prep, communications) done off-site.

Compensation range is \$2,200 to \$2,600 per month, commensurate with experience. Payment will be issued monthly upon receipt of invoices.

To Apply:

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

About Cantabile Youth Singers:

Founded in 1994, Cantabile Youth Singers brings world-class artistic excellence in vocal music instruction to the youth of Silicon Valley by creating a supportive, enriching choral community for all, fostering the innate beauty, talent, and individual freedom of expression within each singer, and engaging them in performances of the highest caliber. Cantabile's unique and innovative music curriculum includes:

- Orff and Kodály techniques and advanced musicianship training
- Vocal technique instruction, performing music from diverse world cultures and styles
- Mindfulness, yoga, and creative movement
- Improvisation, focus on self-realization, and compassion
- An appreciation for the diversity of humankind, cultures, languages, and the arts.
- Leadership training by internationally renowned Cantabile artistic staff

More information about Cantabile can be found at its web site: www.cantabile.org

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