



## VIVA Singers Toronto - Junior Chorus Conductor - Job Description

VIVA Singers Toronto is a multi-level choral organization, enacting our motto, Every Voice Matters, through our core values of performance artistry, creation-based music education, inclusion, leadership and mentoring, and community building.

VIVA Singers Toronto is seeking a Conductor for our Junior Chorus, children ages 6-10. The Junior Chorus Conductor is an integral part of the VIVA Youth Choir team. The successful candidate will have an undergraduate degree in voice or piano; established training and experience in conducting youth ensembles; and training in elementary methods of music education in particular. Ontario College of Teachers membership is an asset.

The Junior Chorus Conductor will:

- be passionate about working with children and youth in a choral context;
- collaborate and work alongside VIVA staff to create an inclusive, engaging, and artistically vibrant learning environment;
- be committed to, and interested in, learning more about VIVA's seven choirs and our organization's core values;
- participate in recruitment of new choristers;
- choose diverse, age-appropriate repertoire for Junior Chorus in collaboration with the Artistic Director, Assistant Artistic Director, and other members of the artistic team;
- foster a healthy, beautiful singing tone in young choristers;
- develop and teach a cohesive Junior Chorus curriculum through rehearsals;
- conduct the Junior Chorus at rehearsals, dress rehearsals, in-house concerts, and additional performance opportunities as appropriate;
- attend and support Junior Chorus activities at the annual Performing Arts Camp weekend (fall);
- maintain the Junior Chorus 'Chorister Corner' section of the VIVA website for weekly rehearsal summaries;
- record and post practice tracks for rehearsal purposes as needed;
- design, implement, and teach progressive theory and musical literacy program;
- work alongside VIVA's Orff Coordinator to explore and implement regular creation-based activities;
- supervise Junior Chorus Teaching Assistants and staff;
- coordinate and make available weekly rehearsal plans to Junior Chorus team;
- liaise with Junior Chorus parents and VIVA team as needed, including the Inclusion Consultant;
- connect and communicate on an ongoing basis with VIVA administrative and artistic staff;
- attend and provide leadership in staff meetings (twice annually);
- engage with, and participate in, VIVA community events (i.e., fundraisers, committees, adult program components, etc.).

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The candidate must be available Mondays between 4:30-6:30PM

This part-time position is payable 10 months per year on a renewable yearly contract. Funds are available for annual professional development to staff who have been with VIVA for two or more seasons.

Kindly email CV and cover letters to Victoria Shalygin, VIVA's General Manager: [admin@vivayouthsingers.com](mailto:admin@vivayouthsingers.com) by **Friday, May 19, 2023**. While VIVA Singers Toronto appreciates all interest in this position, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**VIVA is committed to employment equity, diversity and inclusion. We welcome all applications.**

#### About VIVA

VIVA Singers Toronto is a not-for-profit family of seven choirs, for singers ages four through adult, committed to the belief that Every Voice Matters! VIVA offers exceptional programming by "doing choir differently", embracing choral music artistry through chorister creation, innovative vocal programming, inclusive practices, and developing strong community connections.

Unique to VIVA are a renowned and inspiring Inclusion Program for teens and adults with disabilities, and a Choral Leadership and Mentoring Program. VIVA is proud to be the Associate Choir of the Elmer Iseler Singers, and The National Ballet of Canada's official children's choir.

Membership in VIVA includes regular performances; creation-based curriculum; music literacy education; youth Performing Arts Camp; commissions and partnerships with distinguished composers, musicians, and organizations; and international touring opportunities.

VIVA continues to advocate for all voices, and push for inclusivity to ensure that anyone who enjoys music is welcomed - and challenged - at VIVA. [www.vivasingerstoronto.com](http://www.vivasingerstoronto.com)

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