

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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OPEN POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Director of Music (Choirmaster or Organist-Choirmaster)

The Director of Music (DM) is a full time position that has responsibility for the extensive musical ministry of the cathedral and its role in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. The DM reports directly to the dean of the cathedral and is a full member of the cathedral staff, nurturing and supporting spiritual growth within the cathedral family and the diocese. The DM is responsible for planning and overseeing the musical activities of the cathedral. In this role the DM is assisted by additional paid staff and volunteers.

The cathedral is a racially diverse inclusive urban congregation that seeks to reach out to the community and the world as a force for reconciliation. We have been located in the city center since 1817, and at the present location since 1835. Our worship space has flexibility and was last renovated in 1997. The organ is a 1956 3-manual Holtkamp of 54 stops and 70 ranks. Additional information on the cathedral is available on the website (christchurchcincinnati.org).

Program

The musical program of the cathedral currently includes the following:

1. Sunday services of worship (both Sunday morning and evensong), monthly staff Eucharists and traditional Christmas and Holy Week services.
2. Special diocesan services of confirmation, ordination, etc.
3. Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals.
4. Bi-weekly noonday concert programs (Music Live at Lunch).
5. The annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival (a musical tradition of over 65 years that involves choir, orchestra and over 300 volunteers).
6. A children's chime choir and a city children's choir.

Role

In order to accomplish this program, the DM will oversee a staff of professional musicians (associate director of music, paid singers, etc.) and volunteers. The DM is responsible for the hiring and management of these professionals and for the recruitment of the volunteers. Responsibilities include the appropriate regular rehearsals, practice time, music preparation, selection of music for services, curator of instruments, maintenance of the music library, publicity for music events, participation in the music committee and weekly staff meetings. An added role is assistance in preparing the music budget and long range calendar and planning liturgies for the cathedral. It is anticipated that the DM will actively lead in growth of the music ministry of the cathedral.

Personal

It is expected that the DM will have time for personal development in activities such as composing, arranging and preparation for the regular services and for recitals.

Credentials and Compensation

The successful candidate will have a minimum of a master's degree and extensive experience in the Episcopal tradition and administration of a parish music program. Salary and benefits are competitive with AGO guidelines, commensurate with experience and accomplishments. Mail or e-mail (musicsearch@cccath.org) a vita and letter of application describing your experience in music ministry and administration to the Music Search Committee.

Application deadline: October 30, 2008