



Seeking Children's Choir Pianist/Accompanist

Effective Date: February 13, 2025

Organization: Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

Background Information: <https://vems.ca/about/>

Location: various public elementary and secondary schools in the VSB district

Job Title: Children's Choir Pianist/Accompanist

Description:

To assist the Choral Director in providing a choral program that is joyful, inclusive and fun. The pianist's main job is to provide piano accompaniment to music chosen by the conductor, and to support in foundation chords, scales etc. during vocal warm-up.

Hours:

Typically, a choir rehearses once a week. Depending on the school, a choir may rehearse for an hour after school (3-4 PM), or at lunch (12-1 PM). A term may have as many as 12 rehearsals or as few as 8. There is a minimum of 1 performance at the end of term, however depending on the time of year, more performances may occur.

Rate per Rehearsal: \$50

Responsibilities:

- Review/prepare piano parts of music provided by conductor
- Help conductor set up/put away any chairs required for rehearsal
- Ensure children are safe, particularly at the end of rehearsal
- Punctual
- Play at all weekly rehearsals:
 - follow conductor's lead
 - assist the children as they learn new songs by bringing out the melody or playing melody only
 - play chords/scales/arpeggios to assist vocal warm-ups
- Attend and play for all concerts/demonstrations for parents each term – this may include an after-school concert, an assembly where the choir sings for their school, a field trip where the choir sings out in the community
- Follow all public health and safety guidelines

Qualifications:

- A bachelor's degree in piano or ARCT or in the process of acquiring said degree, or equivalent training and experience
- Having some experience with voice, singing and choir is an asset
- Having experience accompanying choirs/soloists/instrumentalists is an asset
- Enjoys working with children
- Patient, organized, a sense of humour
- Criminal background check (Program Director can provide information on how to obtain)
- Commitment to creating an inclusive, diverse and safe artistic environment

Contact:

Please direct all inquiries by email to president@vems.ca. Please include your musical resume.