

ok!choir wants you!



ok!choir are currently recruiting a new director – is it you?

We're looking for someone who:

- loves choir
- has experience arranging and conducting
- is fun and can't wait to conduct a really cool choir

Who we are

In our own words: ok!choir is an international, open and inclusive group of music lovers. We are a mixed voice community pop choir of around 45 members, we love singing and we're a fun and geeky (sometimes tough to "get us to shut up and listen for a second") group of individuals. We care just as much about bringing songs to life together as we care about the community we've built over the years. We like to have a good laugh together, but we also like to be challenged and learn new things.

We have an established repertoire of songs, which includes recent and classic rock, pop and indie (including arrangements by our choir members) and we enjoy performing at several gigs per year in non-COVID times. We take joy in nailing sophisticated arrangements, and taking on occasional extra challenges such as body percussion and simple choreography.

During the COVID-19 pandemic we have continued to meet and rehearse regularly, either online or in person with suitable hygiene precautions, and hope to continue to do so. The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings, 19:30-21:30 in Kreuzberg.

Who we want

The ideal candidate is someone who feels enthusiastic and passionate about conducting a choir, who likes to unite people with music and create a warm and fun atmosphere.

We are looking for a good-humoured person, who is reliable, organised, musically-skilled and open-minded. You should like a variety of popular and alternative music and be able to arrange songs for 5 voice groups (soprano, alto, contralto, tenor, bass). Aside from being professional, your passion for music and positive energy are visible in the way you teach and you love to try out different fun events with us, e.g. flashmobs, concerts and choir weekends.

As an international choir, we are looking for someone who is willing to teach us in English, additional German language skills would also be beneficial. The director's role is a freelance position, with a fixed monthly stipend.

Responsibilities

The director's main responsibility is to manage weekly rehearsals, including but not limited to: arranging songs; teaching parts; working with the choir on technique, balance and blend; providing materials to support at-home practice; finding and organising performances; facilitating internal communications. The choir has a guitar accompanist for performances, but rehearsals are usually a capella (with the option for the director to accompany on piano at the rehearsal venue or bring a guitar).

Working with an active team of volunteers, the director also has secondary responsibility for overseeing other organisational aspects of the choir such as budgeting, external communications with stakeholders and managing the choir's online presence (Facebook, website, YouTube, etc.). The choir is hoping to organise a weekend away to Rheinsberg in September 2021.

Want to apply?

Expressions of interest in the role can be emailed to recruitment@okchoir.com

In your application please

- tell us a little about yourself and your prior experience with music / teaching / conducting / choir,
- briefly describe your "choir philosophy" or priorities, and
- explain why you want to be our next conductor

The director's role will be vacant from the beginning of 2021. A short list of preferred candidates will be invited to conduct a trial rehearsal in January/February 2021 (depending on COVID-19 restrictions). More information will be provided to the shortlisted candidates beforehand.

Learn more about ok!choir:

Website: <https://okchoir.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/okchoirberlin>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKyM--MNI3W6RIm_WCcg_Yg

Check out our work! Some of our favourites:

Chorfahrt 2019 - "Every Time the Sun Comes Up" by Sharon van Etten:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh6MSXFjapl>

End-of-year gig 2019 - "Wolf At the Door" by Radiohead:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XEUW3YQA5c>

End-of-year gig 2018 – "Radar Detector" by Darwin Deez:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYHIFowM_-A

Special online-choir video - "Holding Out For A Hero" by Bonnie Tyler:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVPt7y_O7VQ&t=33s