



# SEATTLE GIRLS CHOIR

## Now Hiring: Vivissimi Director

**Part Time, Hourly Position** - approximately 2.5 hrs/wk, \$52 an hour. Weekly time commitment is Thursdays from 4:10 PM - 6:40 PM. This position is supported by a staff accompanist and teaching assistant.

**Reports to:** SGC Artistic Director

**Start Date:** January 9, 2025

**About Us:** Seattle Girls Choir (SGC) is an organization in which girls and gender-expansive children and youth are educated to become excellent choral musicians, celebrated for their contributions to their community, and encouraged to be their own best advocates. Our combination of choral training and youth leadership opportunities provide the 200+ choristers in our programs aged 5-18 with a top-notch music education and a place to belong. See samples of SGC's performances here: <https://www.youtube.com/@SeattleGirlsChoir/videos>

**Our Mission:** Seattle Girls Choir is a community that provides young singers with a high-quality music education and a place to belong.

**About Vivissimi:** Vivissimi is primarily for choristers in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. They are typically promoted from our youngest auditioned choir level, Dolcine, or from our training choir, Entrata. At SGC we teach using solfege names and hand symbols, and choristers at this level receive additional training in sight-reading and music theory. They participate in 3-4 performances per season. See an example of their work here: <https://youtu.be/xQT8bl0BbDg>

## VIVISSIMI DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

**Position Summary:** Teach young singers to sing and perform while acting as a strong leader of the ensemble.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Prepare and conduct weekly classes through well-planned lessons and strong classroom management practices.

- Instruct ensemble members. Provide the necessary guidance and direction during rehearsals to assist members in learning their parts, singing them well, and performing effectively.
- Choose age-appropriate repertoire for concerts and recitals.
- Work with SGC staff to ensure that members attend rehearsals regularly.
- Attend periodic meetings with the SGC Artistic Director and other SGC faculty, scheduled at mutually agreeable times.

**Additional Responsibilities:**

- Direct at concerts and recitals as regularly scheduled and mutually agreed to.
- Provide input to the Artistic Director each spring as to the readiness of each chorister for promotion to Allegra, the next choir level after Vivissimi.
- Possible participation at chorister auditions, as available, which are scheduled approximately twice per year.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- At least one year of prior experience teaching music (especially choral music) to elementary school aged youth in a group setting is preferred; however, undergraduate students pursuing a degree in music education may be considered and are encouraged to apply.
- Ability to read music and explain musical concepts to young children.
- Familiarity with *solfege*
- Ability to pace rehearsal activities appropriately for the age group.
- Ability to teach and knowledge of age appropriate vocal technique, such as introduction to head voice, vowel work, posture, and breath support.
- Strong vocal model.
- The ability to artistically interpret various styles of music and conduct an ensemble.
- Strong leadership and listening skills.
- Excellent analytical, organizational, and problem-solving skills.
- Effective communication skills.

**Work Environment:** Our rehearsals meet at the Volunteer Park Church in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle. (Please note, we are not a religiously affiliated institution.)

**Timeline:** Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their materials by **Monday, December 16, 2024**. Interviews will take place on Zoom the week of December 16th.

Seattle Girls Choir works to create a powerful sense of belonging for all our faculty, staff, choristers, family members, and audience members. We are an equal opportunity employer. We

encourage people from all backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities to apply.

**To apply please submit your cover letter, resume, and two references who can speak to your musical or instructional experience to [artisticdirector@seattlegirlschoir.org](mailto:artisticdirector@seattlegirlschoir.org). Please include the title of the position, Vivissimi Director, in the subject of the email.**