



CHORAL CONDUCTOR

The Star Chorale is seeking a conductor, a position based on an annually renewable contract. Remuneration will be on a per-rehearsal and per-performance basis.

The Star Chorale is a Melbourne-based community choir dedicated to continuing and enhancing a tradition of excellence in the performance of choral music. The choir normally comprises, but is definitely not limited to, former students, staff members, families of students or friends of MLC (the Methodist Ladies' College in Kew, Victoria). Rehearsals are usually held weekly in excellent facilities at the MLC Music School.

Founded in 2000, the Star Chorale has presented many major pieces of choral music to considerable acclaim, including Haydn's *The Creation*, Mozart's *Requiem*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Brahms's *Requiem*. In 2015, we performed the magnificent *Requiem* by Giuseppe Verdi to a sell-out audience at the Melbourne Town Hall.

The Star Chorale is managed by a small Committee, comprising a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and other posts, all of whom are elected annually from among the choir members. The Conductor acts as Music Director and is an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

The conductor will be required to:

- Provide artistic directorship for the Star Chorale including, in consultation with the Committee, choosing appropriate repertory,
- Prepare and lead all rehearsals of the Star Chorale and conduct public performances. On occasions that the conductor is unable to attend a rehearsal or performance, s/he must nominate a suitably-qualified deputy who has been adequately prepared to fulfil the conductor role.
- Suggest methods to improve learning and performance and assist in providing materials or aids to improve the efforts and enthusiasm of volunteer choristers in a non-auditioning choir and display professional standards of behaviour and respect.
- Attend monthly Committee meetings and report to the committee on any matters relating to the Conductor's role.
- Liaise with the Committee about the artistic direction of the Star Chorale, relating both to each season's programmes, and to longer-term planning.
- For each performance prepare a detailed plan regarding anticipated number of rehearsals, any proposed soloists, and any anticipated orchestral requirements. Consult with the Committee to obtain agreement regarding all costs relating to this plan.
- Discuss any issues relating to the artistic direction and day-to-day running of the Star Chorale with the Choir President and Committee.
- Liaise effectively with the Choir's rehearsal pianist and/or orchestral leader.

Applicants for the position should supply: -

- Evidence of formal qualifications in conducting music and/or musicianship
- Current and previous experience in conducting choirs/chorales/orchestras of the standard of performance of the Star Chorale
- A list of suitable referees, including at least three professional referees and three previous members of choirs you have conducted

Please send a letter of application with supporting documentation to the secretary, Ms Robyn Fraser, PO Box 942, Post Office Templestowe, 3106, or by email to secretary@starchorale.org by 20th October, 2016.