

The Nashua Choral Society - Music Director 2025-2026 Season

Information and Application Instructions

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan, rehearse, and conduct concerts of the chorus (and orchestra if applicable) starting the 2025-2026 season. The first semester starts early September with the first concert in early December. After a holiday break in mid-December, the chorus continues with the second semester in January with the second concert in April or early May. The rehearsals are held **Monday** evenings from 7-9pm. Dates of rehearsals, dress rehearsals and concerts are to be decided by the NCS Board.
- Develop all aspects of the self-produced performances by the chorus as well as preparing the chorus to sing with orchestras such as the Nashua Chamber Orchestra, Symphony NH, NH Philharmonic, for example.
- Aid and provide the chorus constructive feedback on specific areas for improvement and encourage their potential to grow as a group and hone their sound.
- Program the Choral Society's seasonal repertoire and collaborate with the board on program content, budgets, soloists, and any needed instrumentation promptly to allow for sponsorship, marketing, and development strategies to be executed. The repertoire for the December concert should be completed by July 1st and the Spring repertoire should be completed by August 1st.
- Conduct voice placements as needed for new members.
- Attend Chorus Board meetings periodically, as the Board considers necessary.

Requirements

- Music degree from an accredited program or equivalent choral conducting experience.
- Demonstrated success in directing a chorus of similar or larger size with similar artistic goals. Strong background in choral and instrumental conducting.
- Experience in planning and executing concert programs as well as facility in working with four-part choral harmony, typically SATB.
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills with ability to meet schedules, timelines and budgets.
- Expertise in choral warm-up and choral rehearsal techniques, choral literature and vocal training.
- The position of NCS Music Director is a part-time position. The NCS is an all-volunteer symphonic chorus, typically ranging from 40-60 voices. The Music Director reports directly to the Board of Directors while working in conjunction, and consultation with the Board. The director works closely with the Board to

fulfill the chorus's vision, mission, programmatic and artistic endeavors with energy, and artistic and entrepreneurial vision.

Nashua Choral Society Profile

- Founded in 1965, the chorus is a representation of singers from the southern NH area. The chorus has a decades long reputation of elevating the cultural experience in the community. Besides offering a Holiday and Spring Concert, the chorus also takes part in the annual Holiday Stroll, singing at Assisted Living facilities, and performing the Star-Spangled Banner at Silver Knights Baseball games and the Nashua Community College graduation ceremony.
- Recent Concert Performances include *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest, Mozart's *Requiem*, the Vivaldi *Gloria*, and Schubert's *Mass in G*, the Brahms *Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah*, as well as a spring Pops concert featuring Broadway selections. <https://nashuachoralsociety.org/>; Programs.

Application Procedure

- Please email resume and cover letter expressing your interest in the position to Kathy Andrie for the Nashua Choral Society at kma9000gaudi@gmail.com Please direct any questions to the same email address.
- Provide at least two professional references.
- Include links to videos or audio of recent choral concerts you have conducted.
- Propose a preliminary concert program for December 2025 and a potential spring 2026 program with estimated instrumentation and soloist costs.

Resumes will be reviewed by the search committee members as they are received and will be narrowed to include selected candidates to proceed with an interview in person or via video conference, after which the selected individual(s) would be asked to conduct part of a choral rehearsal in April or early May 2025.

Applications may be submitted until **March 24th, 2025**. After interviews and conducting, candidates will be notified of the committee's decisions in May 2025.