

Music Director – Part-time

□ Application Deadline:
July 1, 2025

Naperville Chorus

Naperville IL

ABOUT NAPERVILLE CHORUS: Founded in 1976; is a non-auditioned SATB chorus, composed of 100+ singers. We are an organization dedicated to the advancement of choral music, the encouragement of participation in group singing, the presentation of choral programs, and the encouragement of cultural music in the community. We typically perform traditional choral music repertoire, but have explored various genres, including jazz, contemporary and folk. The Chorus generally performs twice yearly at Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center in Naperville. The chorus operates as a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization.

Our website is napervillechorus.org. Links to videos of some of our past performances can be found [here](#).

THE OPPORTUNITY

We seek a Music Director to implement the artistic and strategic vision of the Chorus, conduct the Chorus, and to work closely with an active Board of Directors. This position will start with season planning in June 2026, with rehearsals for the 2026-2027 season starting in September of 2026.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Lead effective and engaging rehearsals
- Strong sense of collaboration
- Excellent musicianship
- Knowledge of choral repertoire
- Project management skills to plan, prepare, and direct performances. Production and execution of the program will be facilitated by the Board of Directors and members
- Inspire Chorus members to the highest level of performance
- Effective conducting skills for a variety of ensemble types

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced degree (MA, MM, DMA, PhD) in a related field
- Competent piano skills

- A nuanced approach to programming both classics and lesser-known works
- A passion for fostering musicianship in the Chorus
- A vision for the expansion and enrichment of the Chorus
- Experience leading a medium-to-large ensemble (>75 members)

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and conduct weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings from 7:30pm - 9:30pm in Naperville, plus any additional stage rehearsals as needed for final concert preparations.
- Lead the Chorus through a rehearsal season stretching from September to May; may also include a July 4th collaboration with the Naperville Municipal Band
- Conduct a minimum of two major concerts per year (Fall, Spring)
- Work with Assistant Director and Board to retain an orchestra and soloists
- Collaborate with the established Assistant Director/Accompanist
- Identify opportunities for the Chorus to collaborate with other musicians, groups, and at different venues.
- Work with the Board to select repertoire, and to ensure that current season's music is selected and purchased in a timely fashion
- Attend Board meetings, when invited
- Assist Board in planning annual budget
- Attend Chorus Annual meeting

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Email the following to the Search Committee at nprvlchorus@gmail.com:

- Cover letter describing who you are, why you are applying and current resume/CV (PDF preferred)
- Phone and email information for 3-4 professional references, at least one familiar with your choral conducting
- Samples of 2-3 past programs that exemplify your work
- Links to video(s) that demonstrate your conducting in rehearsal (preferred) or performance.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

Part-time Employee Annual Salary: \$13,000-Paid \$6,500/per semester.