

The [Susquehanna Valley Chorale \(SVC\)](#) is hiring a Music Director/Conductor to continue the SVC's mission of inspiring a love of great choral music beginning with the 2026-2027 concert season.

The SVC was founded in 1969 by a small group of musicians who wished to sing, learn, and grow together through the performance of superb choral music. The first performance included 40 members. We now consist of over 100 singers from throughout the Susquehanna Valley. In its 55-year history, the SVC has been led by several distinguished conductors and emerged as a leading ambassador of the arts in the Central Susquehanna Valley. We are the region's only auditioned chorale dedicated to presenting choral music of major standing with orchestra. SVC provides challenging opportunities for our volunteers, vocal soloists, and orchestra members. Four major performances of diverse repertoire are presented each concert season, held at a variety of venues throughout the Valley. Rehearsals are currently held in Lewisburg, PA.

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHORALE MUSIC DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR**

**Job Title:** Music Director/Conductor

**Reports To:** President, SVC Board of Directors

#### **Position Summary:**

The Music Director/Conductor of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale provides the Chorale's artistic vision and directs rehearsals and concerts of the SVC and accompanying musicians.

#### **Duties:**

1. Conducts the Chorale and orchestra (or other accompanists) at concerts and engages audience members about works performed.
2. Auditions all prospective Chorale members, including students from area colleges and universities for the SVC Scholarship student positions.
3. Serves as an ambassador for the chorale.
4. Collaborates with Executive Director to set the rehearsal and concert schedules for each season.
5. Attends and directs each rehearsal. *If unable to attend, plans for a qualified substitute conductor to lead that rehearsal according to guidelines set up by the Music Director/Conductor, and arranges for compensation for that substitute.*
6. Collaborates with rehearsal accompanist throughout the season to meet performance expectations.
7. Chooses soloists, instrumentalists, and/or guest performers and collaborates with Executive Director to arrange contracts.
8. Proposes each season's program to the Board, including musical, financial, administrative, and/or operational requirements. *Season programs are typically presented each October for the following two seasons.*
9. Provides programming information for grant proposals, concert printed programs, newsletters, and publicity.
10. Contributes to fundraising efforts through contact with current and potential donors, including attending donor events.
11. Works closely with chorale staff to carry out administrative responsibilities as needed.

**Qualifications:** Holds minimum undergraduate degree in music; graduate degrees preferred. Has a minimum of five years' experience directing choral ensembles with instrumental and/or orchestral collaboration. Experience working together with other music organizations. Can work independently.

**Salary:** \$25,000 annually, on an independent contractor basis, plus approved expenses.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by March 15, 2025, to [svchorale@gmail.com](mailto:svchorale@gmail.com).

*The SVC does not discriminate against any applicants, employees, contractors, members, audiences, or guests in categories protected by law, including those based on race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability status, or veterans' status.*