

## **Berkeley Broadway Singers Music Director Job Opportunity**



If you love musicals, selections from the Great American Songbook, nostalgic tunes from the 20's, 30's and 40's, jazz, Latin, doo-wop, blues and other popular music as much as we do, then we want to hear from you! The Berkeley Broadway Singers (BBS) is a non-profit community chorus looking for a new director to lead us into a post-pandemic era, starting January 2022.

If you are an experienced director with energy, passion and drive, we invite you to learn more about this opportunity. Check out our website for photos as well as audio and video samples from prior performances. (<http://www.berkeleybroadwaysingers.org>)

Here are all the details:

The Berkeley Broadway Singers (BBS) is seeking a new Music Director. The part-time position will begin in January 2022.

**WHO WE ARE:** Founded in 1998, BBS is a non-profit community chorus dedicated to providing a joyful, theatrical and creative music experience for our members and our audiences. As we attempt to reach out to our diverse community by way of free concerts each season, we also strive for artistic excellence, and encourage the musical development of each singer and the chorus as a whole. Past repertoire has included selections from Broadway shows and movie musicals, Great American Songbook, tunes from the 20's, 30's and 40's as well as jazz, Latin, doo-wop, blues and other popular music.

**WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:** A strong leader with an inclusive leading style, clear and respectful communication, a great capacity for joy and humor, skill in bringing us together as a group, support for our varied strengths, and an ability to build on our love of music, singing and performance. We seek a musical director who can comfortably engage with the social issues of our times.

Choral directing experience, with a degree in choral direction is preferred.

## Job Description

Music Director for one season initially (Spring: mid-January through early May).

Responsibilities include:

- Lead fun and effective weekly rehearsals from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Wednesday or Thursday night rehearsals — 13-14 rehearsals during the season.
- Select music in consultation with the Board of Directors. See our web site for repertoires from past seasons.  
(<http://www.berkeleybroadwaysingers.org/past-repertoire.html>)
- Hold auditions for new singers in January.
- Prepare practice recordings for each musical number by each vocal section (SATB) early in the season.
- Direct two sectionals on Monday nights within the first 8 weeks of the season. Sectionals are held for two sections at a time.
- Hold auditions for ensembles and solos for concerts.
- Direct two public concerts in April or May, 2022 held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB) in Kensington, as well as two private/small concerts at retirement homes in the East Bay.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings. Meetings may be attended remotely

Rehearsals, auditions, and sectionals are held at the Church on the Corner (COTC) in Albany.

Compensation: \$7,000 for the season (conduct and accompany rehearsals). Or, \$6,000 (conduct rehearsals only). This is an Independent Contractor position.

Please submit letter of interest and resume highlighting experience as a Choral Director. Also include, if possible, a video of your work as a choral director. Applications will be reviewed as submitted. Please submit to [bbs-director-search@googlegroups.com](mailto:bbs-director-search@googlegroups.com)