

Choral Piano Accompanist Role Description

Position Overview:

The Choral Piano Accompanist accompanies the Linden Singers choir for weekly rehearsals, any weekend workshops, and concerts. At times, the position also requires accompanying soloists and small groups for rehearsals and concerts.

The Choral Piano Accompanist works under the supervision of the Music Director and reports to the Music Director.

The Choral Piano Accompanist is appointed by the Executive after consultation with the Music Director, and can be terminated with due notice only by decision of the Executive, in consultation with the Music Director.

Choral Piano Accompanist Responsibilities:

- Follow the direction of the Music Director
- Play for Wednesday choir rehearsal each week of the choir season
- Play for scheduled Saturday rehearsals and willing to accompany sectional rehearsals if available
- Accompany the choir and other performers, including playing with instrumentalists, when they are included in concerts
- Rehearse with and play for soloists and ensembles as needed
- Be available for all concerts and rehearsals or make an effort to arrange for a suitable substitute
- Be punctual for all rehearsals and performances unless advanced arrangements have been made due to conflicting schedules
- Be responsible for scores provided and bring appropriate music to rehearsals
- Arrange for a page turner, when needed for concerts and dress rehearsals

Skills and knowledge the Choral Piano Accompanist is expected to demonstrate:

- Able to sight read and play piano scores up to Grade 10 level (RCMT) or equivalent
- Able to play a wide range of genres, including contemporary choral works
- Able to read and play open score for rehearsal
- Able to follow the conductor effectively
- Able and willing to collaborate with the Music Director
- Able to work in ways consistent with Linden Singers strategic direction:
 - Sustain the Society as a viable and vibrant choral organization
 - Connect with others in the performing arts community through the choir's activities
 - Foster enjoyment, respect, inclusion, and camaraderie amongst the members

Preferred skills and abilities:

- Extensive choral accompanying experience
- Ability to play for a variety of conductors
- A cheerful, "people-person" demeanor

Other information:

- Generally, up to seven hours per week of service, including adequate practice time outside of scheduled rehearsals, as needed.
- Duties based on the scheduled season, which may vary
- Works under a contract; hourly rates on request

