

MUSIC DIRECTOR WESTERNAIRES CHORUS OF SUN CITY WEST

JOB DESCRIPTION 2024

General Responsibilities

The Music Director is responsible for the musical design, direction, and performance of the four April and four December shows presented by the Westernaires Chorus of Sun City West (Club).

Note: Four shows are typically presented in the Stardust Theater in early April and again in early December. Rehearsals are currently on Thursday mornings (SATB, 8:30a) and alternating Monday afternoons (SSA/TBB, 1:00p) starting on Thursday, September 5, 2024. We are a mixed choral group comprising auditioned singers and instruments.

Skills & Experience

The Music Director shall demonstrate:

- Ability to direct a chorus of retired men and women with varying degrees of chorale and performance experience.
- Knowledge of choral music and improving choral performance.
- Knowledge of keyboard (and some instrumental knowledge helpful).
- Volunteer leadership and team-building skills and experience.
- Ability to assign, direct, and motivate Club members and others.
- Knowledge of Club bylaws, policies, and procedures.

Accountability

Contracted by and reports to the Board of Directors of the Club.

Term of Contract

Part-time contract and negotiable fee.

Limitations

- Authorized to act within policies approved by Board of Directors.
- Not authorized to incur Club financial or other obligations without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

SHOWS & REHEARSALS 2024

Past example only - 75 singers plus 2 pianists [1 guitar, 1 harmonica, 1 sax, and 1 bass guitar contracted]



2022 Fall



2024 Spring

Current Show Format:

Curtain opens. Director directs SATB songs in below order.

SATP

1. My Banjo On My Knee (D-Eb)
2. Down to the River to Pray (F-G-G#)
3. Elijah and Joshua (F)
4. Down by the Riverside (F-G)
5. Forever Country (A)

Curtain closes. SSA departs stage. Curtain reopens. Director returns, directs TBB songs.

TBB

6. Knee Deep (Eb)
7. 16 Tons (E)
8. Soon and Very Soon (F-G)

Curtain closes. TBB departs, SSA enters. Curtain reopens. Director returns, directs SSA songs.

SSA

9. Crazy (Eb)
10. Blue Bayou (C)
11. Walk Together Children (Eb-F)

Curtain closes. TBB joins SSA. Curtain reopens. Director returns, directs SATB songs.

SATP

12. Dry Bones (E)
13. 900 Miles (F-G)
14. Rocky Top (D)
15. Too Darn Hot (F)
16. When the Saints Go Marching In (Eb)

Director thanks audience. SATB departs to join audience.

Other

Rehearsals, Back 40, Stardust Theater, early September- early April with holiday breaks

SATB, Thu, 8:30a-11a; SSA/TBB, Mon (alternate), 1-3p-April

Website: <https://westernaires.scwclubs.com/>