



Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Staff Singer Position Description

Job Title: Schola Cantorum Position Available: Tenor and Soprano
Agency/School/Parish: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Position Reports to Cathedral Director of Music, Associate Director of Music

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis seeks a tenor and soprano staff singer to join the Schola Cantorum. The Schola Cantorum, along with the Cathedral Choir, leads the congregation in sacred music at the weekly 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday and at additional special liturgies throughout the choir year. The Schola Cantorum is a fully-professional 12-voice ensemble. The choral season runs annually from the end of August through The Feast of Corpus Christi. Additionally, the Schola Cantorum is occasionally called upon for weddings and funerals. The Schola Cantorum is especially dedicated to the Catholic repertoire of the “Golden Age of Church Music”, the 16th and 17th centuries, including polyphony and Gregorian chant.

Expectations

- Weekly Wednesday rehearsals from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Weekly Sunday rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. with 10:00 a.m. Mass
- major feasts of the liturgical year including, but not limited to, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and several major Archdiocesan Ceremonies.
- Christmas at the Cathedral Concert each December and its orchestra rehearsals
- Other Masses, as announced
- Occasional extra rehearsals for these and other major liturgies as announced

Musical Abilities

- Excellent sight-reading ability, ear training, and vocal skills required
- Fluency with different styles of choral music including polyphony, chant, and possible solos

Leadership

- The successful candidate will serve as a collegial member and leader of the choirs.
- Respect for music staff's vision and direction and ability to carry out said vision
- Respect section leaders and their direction
- Work with other members of the section to form a good ensemble sound
- Work well with all singers, music staff, and clergy
- Perform solos as requested

Compensation

- Monthly
- paid per call (typically there are two calls a week)

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