



## **Assistant Conductor - Position Description**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Ars Nova Singers is an auditioned vocal ensemble specializing in *a cappella* music of the Renaissance and the 20th/21st centuries. Since its founding in 1986, this Denver metro area icon has been recognized as one of the nation's most intrepid professional choirs, bringing together 40 gifted vocalists to tackle challenging, time-traveling works that stretch the boundaries of sound and spirit.

The Assistant Conductor is expected to be a singer in the ensemble and must be a versatile and highly talented musician who will contribute significantly to the ensemble's artistic growth. Reporting to the Artistic Director, the Assistant Conductor must have a comprehensive knowledge of choral repertory, strong conducting technique, vocal versatility, excellent rehearsal preparation skills, and a breadth of knowledge of traditional and non-traditional musical styles.

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### ***Provide Artistic Support For Ars Nova's Artistic Director:***

- Cover the Artistic Director for all rehearsals and performances; be prepared to conduct in rehearsals or concerts with little or no advanced notice.
- Conduct preparatory and sectional rehearsals as requested.
- Advise Artistic Director regarding issues of balance, markings, other musical considerations, and presentation.
- Advise and assist the Artistic Director on programming and repertory, details of vocal divisi, rehearsal planning and other musical and logistical issues.
- Assist in the auditioning of new chorister applicants.
- The Artistic Director and Assistant Conductor will identify opportunities for the Assistant Conductor to conduct the ensemble on selected works during the season.

#### ***Ars Nova Singers Educational Outreach and Community Engagement:***

- Oversee our High School Apprentice program, including connecting with our apprentices on a regular basis and providing musical guidance and assistance.
- Participate in Ars Nova's educational and community engagement projects, as requested.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Masters of Music degree (minimum qualification), or the equivalent experience working with professional-level choral or instrumental ensembles.
- Demonstrated experience preparing and conducting a chorus at the collegiate level or higher.
- Demonstrated professional knowledge of vocal technique and choral repertoire.
- Basic proficiency in piano, sufficient to facilitate rehearsals.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with Ars Nova's Artistic Director, professional musicians, and professional administrative staff.

### **COMPENSATION**

\$110/service, paid for all rehearsals, performances, and meetings, up to 3.5 hours per call.

A two-season contract will be offered with opportunity to renew.

This is a part-time contractual position; no benefits will be offered.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit the following materials (must be received no later than Tuesday, June 7, 2022):

- A cover letter explaining your qualifications for the position.
- A current resume/CV (including significant repertoire and ensembles conducted).
- Two letters of professional reference.
- A link to a video compilation of no more than 15 minutes of conducting footage demonstrating a diverse range of musical and conducting styles. Both rehearsal and performance video is suitable. Please use an online video stream platform such as YouTube, DropBox, etc. to submit the video footage.

Finalists will be invited to interview with the Artistic Director and Executive Director. All communications will be considered confidential. Ars Nova Singers is an equal opportunity employer.

Please refer to our **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access** information on our website: <https://arsnovasingers.org/about/diversity-equity-inclusion-access/>

Rehearsals are generally Thursday evenings in downtown Boulder, but please refer to the announced season schedule for a full list of dates.

For more information about Ars Nova Singers, visit [www.arsnovasingers.org](http://www.arsnovasingers.org)