

Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs PO Box 54 Peterborough NH 03458

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Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs (GMYC) is the performance-based choral music education program for young singers in our community. Founded in 1997, **GMYC has grown to serve around 100 singers per year in five ensembles rehearsing in Keene and Peterborough, NH. Singers come from 20 different towns throughout the Monadnock Region.** GMYC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) arts organization.

## Cecilia Ensemble Pianist – Part Time

Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs is seeking a pianist to work with the Cecilia Ensemble for the Spring 2024 and 2024-2025 Seasons. The Cecilia Ensemble is the region's premier high school treble chorus performing both sacred and secular repertoire drawing from a range of languages, cultures, time periods, and traditions.

Rehearsals are on Mondays in Peterborough from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. The Cecilia Ensemble pianist joins the Ensemble on an international performance tour every other year; the next tour is scheduled for April 2025. Performance repertoire is set in advance. However, occasionally the pianist will be asked to improvise a simple accompaniment, and/or to embellish on the written score.

The ensembles perform a combination of accompanied and a cappella works, and seeks a sensitive and talented pianist to help lead the musical development from behind the piano, and will perform at least two pieces with the choir each semester.

## Tasks and Responsibilities Include but not limited to:

- Collaborate with Artistic Director and/or Conductor
- Prepare music for each rehearsal (rehearsal schedule and repertoire will be provided in advance)
- Participate in international tour related meetings and events, and participate in the tour
- Be present for all performances and performing events
- If absent, provide a substitute of equivalent skill and ability

## **Skills and Requirements:**

- Proficient playing choral parts in various couplings
- Experience as pianist in choral rehearsals and performances

- Listen and anticipate the review of sections during rehearsal
- Ability to work closely and collaborate with Artistic Director and/or Conductor
- Sensitively follow the Conductor in rehearsals and performances
- Strong role model for children (ideally with a background in teaching children)
- Comfortable with basic improvisation
- Musically truthful and expressive
- Invested in the musical growth of GMYC singers
- Invested in the long-term commitment and growth of GMYC
- Highly organized and pays close attention to detail
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to create and maintain working relationships with music professionals
- A self-motivated individual who can recognize opportunities and step in as necessary
- Ability to work independently and part of a team
- Ability to set and meet deadlines

## **Qualifications and Compensation:**

- Bachelor's Degree plus 2 years of relevant work experience, or at least 5 years of experience
- Demonstrate commitment to the Monadnock Region
- Flexible schedule, including the ability to work occasional additional rehearsals, and for events on weekends
- Pro-active, flexible, and positive attitude
- Part Time year-long commitment from late August through May
- Competitive salary commensurate with experience

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and 2 contrasting video or audio recordings to ATTN: Esther Rhoades at <u>esther@GrandMonadnockYouthChoirs.org</u>.