



## **The Vancouver Bach Choir opens applications for paid section leaders.**

Now celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Vancouver Bach Choir is now accepting applications for section leader positions for the 2020-21 season. The Vancouver Bach Choir adult symphonic choir is the flagship ensemble of our 8 choir organization, ranging in age from 5-85. Led by Maestro Leslie Dala, the VBC explores a wide range of repertoire from the past to the present, with passion and commitment. The choir's mission is to share the vibrant and culturally diverse beauty of choral music with local, national and international communities. Through an annual season of concerts and outreach activities, the adult choir continues to meet its mandate of commissioning and performing works by Canadian composers, performing with numerous world class musicians and presenting the world's favourite symphonic choral works.

### **Job Description**

The Vocal Section Leads constitute the professional core to the Vancouver Bach Choir's adult symphonic group. The Vancouver Bach Choir (VBC) is looking for 4 singers, one of each voice type; soprano, alto, tenor and bass to act as section leaders for the 2020-21 season.

#### **Successful candidates will:**

- Possess a minimum of a post-secondary degree or diploma in music or be in the process of post-secondary study.
- Have a minimum of 3-5 years recent experience in choral singing.
- Received individual vocal training and possess a high level of musicianship including superior sight-reading skills.
- Possess strong leadership qualities, excellent communication skills and a collaborative attitude.
- Experience working with community groups is an asset.
- Experience in education, either private teaching or classroom, is an asset.

#### **Section Leads in coordination with the Music Director and/or Assistant Conductor will:**

- Act as Music Section Leaders for their respective voice sections
- Lead sectional rehearsals and group warmups as requested by the Music Director
- Lead virtual sessions for breakout groups as requested by the Music Director
- Create practice tracks and recording resources for their respective section as requested by the Music Director
- Work on vocal training within their sections
- Attend all VBC rehearsals (virtual and live once allowed) in the regular season running from September-May

This is a contracted position running from September 2020-May 2021. Remuneration is at a rate of \$40 per hour, invoiced and paid monthly.

Regular VBC rehearsals occur on Tuesday evenings. Length of rehearsal will vary depending on live or virtual delivery format but starts at 7pm. When live rehearsals are allowed, location is in East Vancouver near Broadway-



Commercial Skytrain Station and is fully accessible. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the start of our season will likely be in a virtual format, with a move to blended or full live rehearsals as allowed by the PHO.

**To Apply:** Please submit a cover letter and resume as a single document PDF titled, "First Name\_Last Name\_Your Voice Type\_Section Lead" (ex. Nina Horvath Alto Section Lead) via e-mail to Nina Horvath at [nina@vancouverbachchoir.com](mailto:nina@vancouverbachchoir.com).

Alongside your resume, please submit a recent recording of yourself singing that is 2-5 minutes long in mp3 format. Recorded examples do not require accompaniment, and may be a solo piece or a significant excerpt from a choral work. They should be in a classical vocal style.

\*Please note that the maximum attachment size our email server can accommodate is 7MB. Anything larger must be sent via file transfer service such as Dropbox or Google Drive.\*

Applications are due by August 31st at 5pm. Selected applicants will be invited to complete a virtual audition via Zoom between September 2nd-September 4<sup>th</sup>. Successful applicants will start their position on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.