



JOB DESCRIPTION

- Organization:** Pacific Chorale
3303 Harbor Blvd., Suite E5 Costa Mesa, CA 92626
www.pacificchorale.org
- Position:** Accompanist - Pacific Chorale Academy
- Status:** Part-time seasonal hourly employee
- Reports to:** Director of Education
- Start Date:** As needed. Fall 2026 programs begin the second week of September.
- Hours:** The program takes place after school at multiple sites Monday through Thursday between 2-6 p.m. Current positions open are Tuesday and Thursday between 3:30 and 4:30 PM. Occasional evenings and weekends may be required for concerts and field trips. Site assignments will be based on the candidate's availability and usually total 2-5 hours a week. Candidates do not need to be available for all 4 days. The program runs from September to May of each school year.
- Application:** Apply online at:
https://pacificchorale.formstack.com/forms/pc_acad_accompanist_application
Selected candidates will be asked to audition.
- Deadline:** Rolling.
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Position Description

Pacific Chorale Academy is a unique after-school choir program which combines music education and socio-emotional learning, offered free to low-income students in grades 2-6. Resident Accompanists lead weekly rehearsals which focus on social connection, musical skills, and fun. PC Academy received a national award from Chorus America for its impact in neighborhoods that have limited access to arts enrichment opportunities.

Each 10-week residency uses a set of pre-developed lesson plans and recommended repertoire designed to teach healthy, age-appropriate vocal technique, musicianship skill, and cultural context. The program takes place after school at each site, and students join the program voluntarily.

The Accompanist is part of a two-person team with a Teaching Artist at each site.

Responsibilities

- Collaborate with PC Academy and partner faculty to foster an encouraging and joyful class environment where students are set up to succeed.
- Accompany rehearsals and performances for choirs of 20-40 students.
- Communicate effectively with students, site staff, parents, and the entire PC Academy team.
- Participate in regular planning meetings. All preparation **time is paid**.

Qualifications and Desired Traits

- Excellent keyboard and sightreading skills.
- Experience accompanying ensembles.
- Demonstrated excellent musicianship, creativity and artistry as a teacher/performer.
- Ability to prepare independently.
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher, and citizen.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Spanish, Vietnamese, or other second language skills a plus.
- Flexibility and creativity to adapt to curriculum goals and ability to work collaboratively.
- Ability to work during program hours as well as additional hours for planning meetings, professional development, concerts, and field trips.

Requirements

- If hired, program staff are required to comply with Pacific Chorale's Child Safety Policy, which includes submitting fingerprints for a background check and providing proof of completed COVID vaccination. Tuberculosis screening may also be required for some sites.
- May be required to lift up to 25 pounds (such as boxes of music, chairs, music stands, etc.) either alone or with assistance.

Compensation and Benefits

\$40-\$50 per hour. All classroom and performance time, field trips, and meetings are compensated at the hourly rate.

Application Process

To apply for this position, please visit:

https://pacificchorale.formstack.com/forms/pc_acad_accompanist_application to upload your resume and answer some questions about your experience.

About Pacific Chorale

The mission of Pacific Chorale is to inspire our community through artistry and innovation in choral music performances and education programs.

Located in Costa Mesa, California, Pacific Chorale has delighted national and international audiences with concerts of great choral music performed at the highest musical standards since 1968. Under the artistic leadership of Robert Istad, the organization produces a series of concerts each year at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, where it serves as the resident choir. Pacific Chorale is recognized for exceptional artistic expression, preserving and performing classical choral music as well as presenting stimulating American-focused programming. In addition to its own substantial performance season and long-standing partnership with Pacific Symphony, the Chorale is sought regularly to perform with the nation's leading symphonies, having performed with such renowned American ensembles as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the National Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, and Musica Angelica.

For more information about Pacific Chorale, please visit www.pacificchorale.org.

Pacific Chorale is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and actively and enthusiastically seeks a diverse pool of candidates.