



Halifax Camerata Singers Seeks Artistic Director also serving as Chorus Master for the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus

Halifax Camerata Singers is Atlantic Canada's premier chamber choir. Founded in 1986 by its current Artistic Director, Jeff Joudrey, the Nova Scotia ensemble has distinguished itself by performing exciting choral repertoire that covers all periods and styles, with special attention to Canadian music. This auditioned choir is known for its high performance standards, claiming national recognition and the Healey Willan Prize in Choral Canada's 2010 National Competition for Amateur Choirs.

Members of Halifax Camerata Singers come from many communities. The choir often appears in collaboration with chamber ensembles, Symphony Nova Scotia, and other musicians. Since 2001, it has also been the core choir of the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus. The ensemble has performed in regional concert series such as Music at the Three Churches, Musique Royale, Music at Trinity, the Dartmouth Community Concert Series, and the Indian River Festival in PEI.

The Halifax Camerata Singers organization has an active program of commissioning choral music from Canadian and international composers and is proud to encourage young singers through its Youth Mentoring Program, bursaries for the Nova Scotia Youth Choir, and commissioning emerging and established composers.

For more information about Halifax Camerata Singers, visit our website: HalifaxCamerata.org.

PRESENT DUTIES/POSITION DESCRIPTION

Halifax Camerata Singers

- Audition, train, rehearse, and conduct in concert Halifax Camerata Singers and, if necessary, guest artists, soloists, and instrumentalists.
- Research and develop a concert season with a number of concerts (currently we present three solo concerts per year plus two to three symphony concerts), including any invitations from outside organizations, and share this with the choir, following presentation to and approval from the Board.
- Develop a rehearsal plan over multiple weeks of rehearsals leading to a successful concert, considering dress rehearsals, rehearsals with soloists, instrumentalists, etc.
- Communicate regularly with singers and organize post-rehearsal notes, recordings to model, etc.
- Be aware of new compositions, composers, trends in choral music (especially Canadian).
- Research and order scores and liaise with the librarian for distribution. Organize PDFs for singers who use tablets.
- Be responsible for coordinating the Youth Mentoring Program
- Communicate regularly with the General Manager and Board Chair on matters including, but not limited to, scheduling, budget changes, personnel issues, etc.
- Be responsible for identifying and pursuing professional development opportunities for the choir and Artistic Director.

Administrative

- Research and develop multi-year season programs (keeping in mind criteria for granting agencies, Canada Council for the Arts, Arts Nova Scotia, etc.) considering:
 - Programming interest to singers and audience;
 - Thematic context of the season;
 - Affordability/budget; and
 - Canadian content and current events that have an impact on our society.
- Commission new works by Canadian composers, including but not limited to: Indigenous peoples, African Nova Scotians and other racially visible persons, people with disabilities, women, 2SLGBTQ+ persons, and other underrepresented communities.
- Be accountable to Camerata's Board of Directors.
- Prepare monthly Board reports in a timely fashion.
- Be available to the Board Chair and the General Manager for consultation when required.
- Advise the Board on budget, programming, and grants when required.
- Seek partnerships with other choirs/conductors, composers, and instrumentalists.
- Accept guest appearances with Camerata when feasible.
- Be aware of Camerata's position in the Canadian choral community and foster mentorship relationships with other choirs, conductors, composers, and musicians.
- Be the public face of Halifax Camerata Singers, including participating in promotional communications regarding season, concerts, etc. (e.g. media interviews and promotional recordings).
- Approve all recordings, videos, and artistic representations of the choir before they are released to the public.

Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus

- Recruit, audition, and train community singers for the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus.
- Direct chorus rehearsals, sectionals, and warm-ups and prepare the chorus for appearances with Symphony Nova Scotia.
- Attend orchestra/chorus rehearsals, liaising with Symphony Nova Scotia's Music Director or conductor on artistic considerations.
- Work closely with Symphony Nova Scotia administration as needed, including recommending venues, consulting on schedules, acquiring music materials, and advising on Symphony Nova Scotia's multi-year artistic planning.
- Be an advocate in the community for the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus and Symphony Nova Scotia choral concerts.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Exceptional musicianship with a proven record of choral excellence.
- Master's degree in choral conducting or equivalent professional and musical experience, with extensive experience preparing and conducting choral ensembles of various sizes.
- Demonstrated vision, leadership skills, and standards of excellence in choral music.
- Ability to inspire, motivate, and build a positive working community within the choir.
- Demonstrated evidence of strong connections within the Canadian and international choral community.
- Demonstrated commitment to the performance and commissioning of Canadian works.
- Demonstrated commitment to underrepresented music and musicians.
- Ability to develop and sustain positive working relationships within the community and with artistic partners (Symphony Nova Scotia, composers, soloists, instrumentalists, partner choirs, etc.)
- Excellent communication skills.
- Exceptional organizational skills with attention to deadlines (season programming, grants, Board reports, programs).
- Be a member of and support Choral Canada, the Nova Scotia Choral Federation, and other similar organizations.
- Experience conducting choral/orchestral works would be an asset.

- Preference will be given to individuals who are currently permitted to work in Canada.

Salary: Competitive remuneration commensurate with experience

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Halifax Camerata Singers is strongly committed to diversity within its community and welcomes and encourages applications from individuals who are Indigenous, African Nova Scotian, or from other racially visible groups; women; and/or those who self-identify as 2SLGBTQIA+, are neurodiverse, or have a disability. If you are a member of one of these equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on your electronic application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: June 1, 2022

Anticipated Start Date: July 1, 2023 (rehearsals starting in September 2023)

All interested applicants must submit:

- A cover letter
- A curriculum vitae
- Two video samples (maximum 20 minutes total) of conducting in rehearsal and performance

Offer of employment is conditional upon the completion of all applicable background checks and confirmation of references and credentials, the results of which must be satisfactory to the board. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All questions and concerns may be directed to ADsearch@halifaxcamerata.org.

Please submit your application package by email to: ADsearch@halifaxcamerata.org.

We will handle all applications and submitted materials with complete confidentiality and will not contact references unless you are being considered for the position.

ABOUT SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA



Symphony Nova Scotia is Nova Scotia's orchestra. With a home base in Halifax and performances across the province, we are a vibrant, vital part of Nova Scotia's rich cultural community. We've gained a reputation as one of Canada's most exciting orchestras, and we're proud to be a national leader in performance, programming, and community engagement. We have an ongoing commitment to programming and performing choral works in partnership with Halifax Camerata Singers and the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus.

ABOUT HALIFAX

As a vibrant mid-sized city on Canada's east coast, Halifax has always known its strengths when selling itself to the rest of Canada and the world: friendly, welcoming residents, a long-standing arts tradition, beautiful scenery on the Atlantic Ocean, and a laid-back atmosphere that's ideal for a balanced lifestyle far from the more frantic pace of larger cities.