

Opportunity for Artistic Director of Chime Choir, Melbourne



The Chime Choir, a leading Melbourne-based community choir is seeking an Artistic Director to lead the choir's continuing artistic development and inclusive community participation from the start of 2020. Chime, an auditioned, 50 voice SATB choir founded in 1984, performs accompanied and *a cappella* repertoire spanning a wide range of genres. This is one of the hallmarks of the Chime ensemble, performing classical choral standards, to contemporary works. Recent performances include works by Ola Gjeilo, Morten Lauridsen, Frank Ticheli and Australian composers such as Daniel Brinsmead, Mark Puddy and Kate Sadler.

After an outstanding 10 year association with Chime, Marten Visser our current Director is stepping aside at the end of 2019, providing this exciting opportunity for a new Artistic Director to continue the expansion of the choir's capability and exploration of new musical directions.

Chime has a proud history of choral performance with an annual program of four major concerts, some small-group commercial engagements and occasional tours, both national and overseas. This September, Chime will perform at the Desert Song Festival in Alice Springs, while in 2018 we travelled to New York to join a world choir performance at Carnegie Hall. Expanded details of the choir's history and operation can be found via our website, www.chime.org.au.

The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm in Wantirna, and our calendar is generally aligned with Victorian public school terms.

We are seeking an Artistic Director who has:

- a passion for music and ongoing learning
- graduate degree in Music with additional completion of choral conducting professional development
- several years professional experience in regular choral conducting and rehearsing a choir for performance
- artistic vision and a desire to artistically invest in the group, with a long-term commitment to developing the choir and strengthening its community.
- ability to work in a collaborative team environment, flexibly working with a diverse group of volunteers to deliver an annual program
- command of a variety of vocal styles and musical genres

The Position Description and Selection Criteria for this role can be downloaded from www.chime.org.au/opportunities.

To apply, please submit by email to applications@chime.org.au :

- a cover letter addressing your match to the requirements of the role and selection criteria
- CV outlining your qualifications and experience as a choral conductor
- Example concert programs you have conducted, demonstrating a breadth of choral styles.

Applications close Friday 27th September 2019.

Applicants who are shortlisted for the position will be interviewed during October and may be invited to conduct a segment of the choir's regular rehearsal on **Tuesday, 12th November**. The appointment to this position will be subject to a 6 month probation period.

For further information, contact the Chime President, Kevin Barrell on 0448 445 657 or via email at president@chime.org.au