

POSITION DESCRIPTION – MUSIC DIRECTOR – CERDDORION VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Job title Music Director

Chorus name Cerddorion Vocal Ensemble

Category Artistic

Duties and responsibilities Programs the season repertoire, prepares chorus, conducts three programs per season (late August through mid-May), each performed twice. Auditions prospective singers and has the discretion to re-audition current singers annually. Auditions and engages vocal soloists and instrumentalists, if needed. Works closely with a Board of Directors on artistic and financial decisions.

Requirements We are looking for a seasoned musician with strong conducting skills, experience working with excellent avocational singers, well-versed in vocal production, languages and music history. Must be available to conduct one weekly Tuesday evening rehearsal during regular season – plus extra rehearsals as needed – and conduct three programs per season (two concerts per program).

Chorus description Cerddorion Vocal Ensemble is an elite mixed chamber choir dedicated to outstanding performances of adventurous programs that span the breadth of the choral repertoire from medieval polyphony to new compositions — mostly a cappella. As befits its name (*cerddorion* is Welsh for “musicians”), the ensemble aspires to musicianship in the fullest sense, using the human voice to explore and fulfill the expressive potential of the art. Cerddorion was founded by Susanne Peck in 1995. We do three concert programs, in November, February, and May. Each program is presented twice: once at St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church on the Upper West Side in Manhattan and once at another venue, often in Brooklyn. Rehearsals take place at St. Ignatius on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 pm. There are approximately 10 evening rehearsals per cycle.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION – MUSIC DIRECTOR – CERDDORION VOCAL ENSEMBLE
(Contd.)**

Compensation Part-time salary to be negotiated, commensurate with experience

Location Manhattan

Application should be received by May 29, 2009

Date to be removed When position is filled

Apply to: Michael Klitsch
search@cerddorion.net
908-654-0248

Cerddorion NYC, Inc.
P.O. Box 946
Village Station
New York, NY 10014

Chorus web address www.cerddorion.net

Application procedure Electronic applications are preferred.

The application should include a succinct letter describing the candidate's interest and appropriateness for the position, plus a résumé, one or two representative programs (.pdf or .doc), and performance audio or video (mp3 or web links – CDs or DVDs can be sent). Applicants chosen for interviews will be notified in June.