

## Choral Conductor for Strata Vocal Ensemble

Strata Vocal Ensemble is seeking a choral conductor. We are a 24-28 voice SATB choir (now 8,8,5,5) who enjoy performing challenging and eclectic programming with a high degree of excellence. We perform mainly *a cappella* works, but do from time to time engage a few instrumentalists. Our repertoire is both sacred and secular and in multiple languages. We do two concerts per season, one in the fall and one in the spring. We rehearse 10 weeks prior to each concert on Monday evenings in Hamilton in our performance venue (MacNeill Baptist Church, Westdale). There is also a dress rehearsal at a mutually agreed upon time (Friday night or Saturday morning). Having only 2 concerts allows a large break in rehearsals over the holiday season and into January. We continue to look for an additional area venue so that we can perform our concert twice, on a Saturday night there and on Sunday afternoon at MacNeill.



We are a group of experienced choristers and so would prefer a candidate who can support our collegial atmosphere. We need someone who is able to incorporate suggestions from choristers in an open and comfortable manner. We seek an even tempered, courteous and respectful individual. In depth knowledge of vocal/choral technique and strong organizational skills are essential. We seek someone who can coach us to constantly improve our sound. We choose our repertoire by committee that includes our conductor.

We are not a registered charitable organization, nor do we plan to become one. We prefer to keep the organization simple and without fundraising. We fund the conductor's fee (\$2000 per full concert program) and the purchase of music through dues from choir members and concert revenue. Our accompanist typically comes from within the ranks of the choir. In addition, we pay an extra fee to the conductor and accompanist for an annual area Christmas concert.

Interested parties can submit their CV to Beverly Leslie through [info@stratavocalensemble.ca](mailto:info@stratavocalensemble.ca)  
[www.stratavocalensemble.ca](http://www.stratavocalensemble.ca)

The cutoff for submissions is Friday April 17, 2020.