



ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

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St. Michael's Choir School Conducting Internship Program

Conducting Internships – Fall and Winter Positions

Part-time, 10-week position (in-person) with the possibility of extension

St. Michael's Choir School welcomes applications for its Choir Conducting Internship(s) Program. This is a unique and exciting opportunity to work alongside and be mentored by Choir School conductors. St. Michael's Choir School will be offering two (2) separate 10-week internships, a fall and winter internship. The Internship programme reflects the Choir School's commitment to fostering young conductors, educators, and church musicians.

The Conducting Internship provides an opportunity for the intern to have hands-on experience in the areas of rehearsal leadership, classroom management, Mass participation, performance, and repertoire selection with boys from grades 3-12.

About St. Michael's Choir School

St. Michael's Choir School is an all-boys school that provides sacred music of the highest calibre to St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and the Archdiocese of Toronto, and maintains a high standard of music performance through concerts and touring. Its musical goal is to serve God, the Universal Church, the Archdiocese, and the community with commitment and joy through sacred music. The course of study includes daily choral rehearsals, classroom instruction in music rudiments, singing, and weekly individual lessons in piano.

About the Internship

- The successful intern will be mentored by conductors Ms. Maria Conkey, Ms. Teri Dunn, and Mr. S. Bryan Priddy
- The intern will be expected to attend approximately 15 hours per week with the possibility of some weekend Mass participation
- The intern will assist in daily rehearsals, provide support during theory lessons, create lesson plans, lead warm-ups and other aspects of rehearsal
- Learning and development will occur through observation of the conductors in addition to practical teaching and conducting experience

Three symbols are one. At the centre of the Choir School's academic effort to make the universe (circle) intelligible to growing minds, is an experience of music (treble clef) for the praise of God in Jesus Christ (Chi Rho cross).

- The intern will also receive mentorship sessions with the conductors to review progress and agree on learning goals and activities
- The intern may be required to act as a substitute conductor when necessary
- Through discussion with the conductors, the intern may also be invited to conduct parts of some Masses and performances
- The intern will receive an honorarium payment of \$1500 during the period of the appointment which will be commensurate with qualifications and experience

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent professional designation) from a recognized university or conservatory in music performance or pedagogy
- Conducting experience of 1-2 years (while studying is acceptable)
- Experience or demonstrated interest in teaching children and youth
- An understanding of vocal pedagogy
- Excellent theory and musicianship skills
- Exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills
- Positive and enthusiastic attitude
- A criminal background check will be required of the successful applicant

This internship is for in-person instruction, for Canadian applicants only. Applications will be accepted throughout the year for the internships. Please indicate your session preference (Fall or Winter). For consideration, applicants must submit a résumé and a letter explaining their interest in the internship and what they hope to gain from this experience. Documents should be submitted in PDF format to white@smcs.on.ca . We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), St. Michael's Choir School provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If contacted for an interview, applicants should make any accommodation needs known at that time.