



ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

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St. Michael's Choir School Conducting Internship 2024-2025

Conducting Internship

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) for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a unique and exciting opportunity to work alongside and be mentored by Choir School conductors. This year, St. Michael's Choir School will offer one 10-week internship, the first starting the week of October 7. The Internship programme reflects the Choir School's commitment to fostering young conductors, educators, and church musicians.

The Conducting Internship provides the intern with hands-on experience in 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. Teri Dunn, Mr. Walter Mahabir 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 \$2500 at the end 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, and the selected candidate must be legally entitled to work in Canada, with the second internship beginning on February 3. 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 conkey@smcs.on.ca before September 30, 2024. 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.