

Musical Director – Tamworth Voices

Tamworth Voices- The Background

The choir was formed in 2011 and currently has 75 members. Tamworth Voices are a mixed contemporary community choir that performs a wide range of Musical styles: Pop, Gospel, Musical Theatre, choral, Rock, reggae and folk. The choir is made up presently of 95% women, most of the members have had some or very little experience in singing and performing but have a real passion for singing and commit to rehearsals once a week. They do not follow sheet music but rehearse and perform with lyric sheets.

The choir currently performs a wide range of music and presently has over 100 songs in their repertoire. They are used to learning at least 10-15 songs per term and performing most of these songs at their annual concert along with songs chosen from their repertoire. The Choir presently sings in 2 and 3 part harmonies however sometimes can cope with 4 parts.

Tamworth Voices is very much a fun family based community choir who all socialise together and feel that the choir is an important part of their weekly lives and singing is really important.

Tamworth Voices is part of Tamworth Assembly Rooms Arts Development Programme and is run by the Arts & Events Team, from Tamworth Borough Council, in partnership with the Musical Director.

Example of Past performances

- This is Tamworth, community arts performance to showcase Tamworth's talent – Birmingham Symphony Hall
- Olympic Torch Relay, joint choir performance to celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay- Tamworth Castle Grounds
- Community Spirit, mass choir performance with choirs across the Midlands- Birmingham Symphony Hall
- We Will Remember, community concert to commemorate WW1, Tamworth Voices and other Tamworth choirs performed a special commissioned piece for this concert- St Edithas Church
- Tigress, Contemporary Dance performance performed by International Dance Company Motionhouse, Tamworth Voices performed a commissioned piece for this performance- Tamworth Castle Grounds

The Musical Director needs to be able to bring a number of skills —

- Have experience of running a contemporary choir and covering all the styles listed above.
- Have a good singing voice and be able to teach ensemble singing.
- Play piano at a Grade 5 level or higher.
- Be able to create good arrangements of songs.
- Be able to deliver high energy fun rehearsals each week.
- Be able to work towards at least three to four main concerts a year.
- Have own electric piano and amplification equipment for rehearsals
- Experience programming and hosting music programs
- Willingness to travel and availability of reliable transportation

The Musical Director would be expected to:

- Schedule all performances in collaboration with Tamworth Arts and Events.
- Seek exciting and new performance opportunities
- Select and plan the specific music that the group will rehearse and perform.

This successful applicant will be contracted to deliver weekly rehearsals and performances between January- July/ September- December, 7pm-9pm Tuesdays.

Annual Minimum performances:

2 concerts each year at Tamworth Assembly Rooms

1 Bandstand Concert

1 Christmas Lights Events

We would like all applicants to send their CV's to tarartsdevelopment@tamworth.gov.uk for consideration.

Applicants that have been shortlisted will be expected to run a choir session, prior to successful appointment - expenses will be paid.

An Assistant Musical Director will need to be appointed, preferably from the Choir to assist in rehearsals, performances and to manage planned absence

If you would like to know fees or have any questions regarding this role please do not hesitate to contact the team on 01827 709 314 or tarartsdevelopment@tamworth.gov.uk