

PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

2024 Accompanist for Summer Mainstage Musical Production

Prescott Park Arts Festival, a well-established and dynamic non-profit performing arts organization, is seeking to hire an Accompanist for the summer Mainstage Musical Production. This position will join the experienced, award-winning, fun, and fast-paced team responsible for organizing this popular summer Seacoast tradition that features over 70 diverse performances from June to October each year. Events include concerts, food and music festivals, movie nights, a signature musical theatre production, a youth theatre camp, and more.

Prescott Park Arts Festival is a cultural leader in the Seacoast, and reaches nearly 150,000 people through its events, all offered by suggested donation in Portsmouth's beautiful downtown Prescott Park. The Festival's contribution to the local economy in show- and visitor-related spending has swelled to \$7.5 million annually.

Job Description Details

This position calls for an energetic, dynamic, and dedicated individual who works with a great deal of independence and exercises independent judgment while performing a variety of duties. The Accompanist reports directly to the Production Manager, and Executive Director at large, and is responsible for overseeing the successful execution of all musical elements within the scope of the Mainstage Musical Production.

The Accompanist will work closely with all Musical Production staff, with direct supervision by the [Music Director](#) and Production Director, to ensure that all goals and deadlines for the production are met. Any expenses incurred due to scheduling conflicts during the performance run, are the sole responsibility of the Accompanist, with oversight by the Music Director, and must be approved by the Production Manager and/or the Executive Director.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assist the Music Director in overseeing all vocal and instrumental elements of the Production as it pertains to the production run
- Will come prepared and conduct performances with actors and band members in a professional, positive, encouraging, and creative manner
- Collaborate with and Music Director during final rehearsals, and follow the artistic vision of the Production Director in the musical direction of the Production
- Work closely with the Production Manager and Audio Engineers to execute all technical matters as they pertain to the musicians and vocalists
- Be present for all band rehearsals as needed
- Be present for all performance dates through the run of the production
- Maintain a professional and high quality vocal and musical performance throughout the entire run of the production, including holding "brush up" rehearsals if necessary

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Preferred skills and other requirements include but are not limited to:

- Experienced piano accompanist (ability to play other instruments welcome, but not required)
- Excellent knowledge of music technique, theory, and performance
- Great organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Strong leadership skills with an ability to conduct a band
- Must be able to give clear instructions and make decisions under pressure
- Sense of humor and a joy for the job is a must!

Rehearsals begin on or around May 13th.

Tech will run between June 9th-20th.

Performances run June 21st through August 11th.

Prescott Park Arts Festival is deeply committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage those with the following identities to apply: Black, local Indigenous, people of color and people with intersecting identities including LGBTQIA+, women and non-binary people, people living with disabilities and others with lived experience being part of marginalized communities.

Applications should be submitted to Casey Roland, Production Manager at Prescott Park Arts Festival, at production@prescottpark.org, and should include a resume listing all previous work experience and a cover letter. We love learning about our applicants, so don't hesitate to show off what makes you YOU! No phone calls please.

Salary: Stipend to be paid in accordance with PPAF's regular payroll schedule