

PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

2024 Music Director for Summer Mainstage Musical Production

Prescott Park Arts Festival, a well-established and dynamic non-profit performing arts organization, is seeking to hire a Music Director 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 Music Director 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 Musical Director shares, with the Production Manager, the responsibility of assembling the orchestra and arranging rehearsal time as needed. The Music Director will work closely with all Musical Production staff to ensure that all goals and deadlines for the production are met.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Will participate in the audition process if available
- Overseeing all vocal and instrumental elements of the Production
- Will come prepared and conduct rehearsals with actors and band members in a professional, positive, encouraging, and creative manner
- Interviews and, with approval from the Production Manager and/or Executive Director, hire any and all musicians for the Production
- Collaborate with, and follow the artistic vision of the Production Director in the musical direction of the Production
- Work with the Production Manager and Audio Engineers to plan for and execute all technical matters as they pertain to the musicians and vocalists
- Be present for all technical rehearsals as needed, through final dress

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

- Experienced musician and vocal coach
- Excellent knowledge of music technique, theory, and performance

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- Great organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Strong leadership skills with an ability to multitask
- Must be able to give clear instructions and make decisions under pressure
- Sense of humor and a joy for the job is a must!

Please note that we are open to discussing different configurations of this position based on the availability of applicants, including transitioning to use of an accompanist for performance dates if needed. Click [here](#) to review the Accompanist job posting.

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. Amount dependent on use of accompanist.