

## Music Director

Qualifications include an extensive music background. He/she must have the ability to lead singers and an orchestra. He/she should have a good communication style, have good leadership qualities, good organizational skills, and is able to delegate when necessary. A theatre background is also helpful.

### **Job description:**

The Music Director is expected to perform all work necessary to oversee the musical aspects of the contracted production. These duties shall include but are not limited to:

- a) Audition pianist
- b) Vocal coach, including vocal warm-ups before every rehearsal
- c) Rehearsal pianist
- d) Performance pianist
- e) Secure and rehearse orchestra personnel
- f) Conduct orchestra at all performances.

- The Music Director is in charge of all aspects of the show that are musical. If the Music Director chooses not to perform all the duties, or he/she may hire out the positions as necessary.
- The Music Director will be in charge of those hiring's, with approval from Masquers Board. It is then the Music Director responsibility to make sure that he/she, or the other hires, are available for the rehearsals that are set up by the Artistic Director.
- The Music Director is expected to be on time for all rehearsals and performances as scheduled by the Artistic Director and Masquers Theatre Company.
- If unable to attend a certain date, it will be the Music Directors responsibility to find a suitable replacement. Any replacements during performances must be approved by the Artistic Director and the Producer. All schedule conflicts must be pre-approved by Masquers Theatre and the Artistic Director.
- The Music Director must also help locate musicians to play in the orchestra if needed for the production. If the Music Director chooses to conduct the orchestra, he/she must come up with suitable times, with the Artistic Director, to rehearse with the orchestra.
- The Music Director must have an open communication style; work well with the cast, orchestra as well as the Artistic Director and production staff. The Music Director must be available for production meetings. The Music Director is expected to attend auditions and assist in the casting of the production. Any other responsibilities will be up to the discretion of the Artistic Director and the Producer of the show.
- Although the Music Director is in charge of the musical aspect of the show, the Artistic Director is responsible for the overall quality and artistic vision of the show.