

# Amavi Chorale

## Principal Artistic Assistant

Position Type: Contract / Stipend-Based

Reports To: Artistic Director

Compensation: \$100 per concert cycle (initial stipend; subject to growth pending grants and donations)

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## Position Overview

Amavi Chorale seeks skilled and committed choral musicians to serve as Principal Artistic Assistants to the Artistic Director. This role is designed for experienced choral musicians who model excellent musicianship, provide vocal leadership within their section, and actively contribute to the ensemble's artistic growth.

This position is not administrative in nature. These individuals are expected to engage musically and artistically, supporting rehearsal efficiency, musical accuracy, and ensemble cohesion as Amavi continues to grow as a semi-professional model. Most importantly, you will serve as an *ambassador for Amavi Chorale*, actively supporting and embodying the organization's mission, vision, and artistic values both within rehearsals and in the broader community.

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## Core Responsibilities

### Musical & Artistic Leadership

- Serve as a musical and vocal leader within your section.
- Model excellent tone, intonation, diction, rhythm, blend, balance, and stylistic awareness.
- Assist in identifying and addressing tone and accuracy issues within the section.
- Reinforce rehearsal goals through confident, prepared singing and musical awareness.

### Rehearsal & Performance Expectations

- Attendance is mandatory at all scheduled rehearsals and performances unless prior approval is granted by the Artistic Director.
- Arrive fully prepared, having learned assigned repertoire in advance.
- Maintain a high standard of professionalism, punctuality, and focus.
- Assist with Sectionals as necessary
- Support consistent attendance within the section and notify the Artistic Director of any concerns regarding absences or preparation.

### Collaboration with the Artistic Director

- Participate in periodic meetings with the Artistic Director to discuss:
  - Section progress and challenges
  - Musical priorities and rehearsal strategies.
  - Long-term artistic development
- Provide thoughtful musical input when appropriate, while supporting the Artistic Director's interpretive decisions.

## Section Leadership & Mentorship

- Serve as a point of leadership and support for section members.
  - Encourage healthy vocal technique, musical accountability, and ensemble awareness.
  - Foster a respectful, collaborative, and artistically focused rehearsal environment.
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## Professional Standards & Authority

- Artistic Assistants are expected to uphold professional rehearsal etiquette and serve as role models in preparation, attendance, and artistic engagement.
  - Artistic Assistants support and reinforce the Artistic Director's musical decisions and rehearsal direction.
  - Musical authority ultimately resides with the Artistic Director.
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## Experience & Skills

### Required

- Extensive choral experience (college-level ensemble experience required).
- Excellent sight-singing and music-reading skills.
- Strong vocal technique appropriate for leadership within a semi-professional ensemble.

### Highly Preferred

- Keyboard skills (ability to play vocal lines or rehearse passages on piano).
  - Prior experience as a section leader, professional chorister, or assistant conductor.
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## Compensation & Term

- Initial stipend: \$100
  - This stipend applies to the current concert cycle only and will be reassessed each season.
  - Compensation and leadership opportunities are expected to grow over time as funding expands through grants, donations, and ticket revenue.
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## Future Growth Opportunities (As Funding Allows)

- Mentoring developing singers
- Assisting with auditions or onboarding
- Expanded artistic leadership roles