

Join Our Legacy:

Become the Next Music Director of Christchurch City Chorus

Christchurch City Chorus, an award-winning Sweet Adelines International chorus, is seeking a visionary and inspiring Music Director to lead us into our next chapter.

Who We Are

We are a vibrant, high-achieving women's chorus dedicated to four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. Under the extraordinary leadership of our retiring Master Director 700, Virginia Humphrey-Taylor, who has guided us for 40 years, Christchurch City Chorus has become a powerhouse in barbershop singing. Together we have:

- Won every New Zealand regional championship we have entered since 1990
- Reached the Top 10 at Sweet Adelines International five times since 2007
- Won the Most Entertaining Award in Las Vegas in 2016
- Most recently, achieved 5th place at Sweet Adelines International in 2024

Virginia's vision and dedication built a chorus with a champion mindset, and now we are excited to welcome a new leader to continue this legacy of excellence.

The Opportunity

We are looking for a Music Director who will:

- Provide inspired musical and artistic leadership
- Guide vocal and performance growth
- Inspire, challenge, and motivate singers
- Lead us in regional and international competitions
- Collaborate with our Music and Management Teams
- Foster a supportive, inspiring, and joyful chorus community

What You Bring

- Proven musical ability and leadership potential, with experience as a director, vocal coach, or equivalent musical role.
- Strong vocal skills and musical knowledge
- Excellent teaching, conducting, and communication skills
- The ability to inspire, teach and lead singers of all levels
- A passion for developing musical artistry and performance excellence

Why the Christchurch City Chorus

As our new Music Director, you will join a supportive and dedicated chorus, backed by strong administrative and music leadership teams. Our Chorus provides:

- Access to international coaching and education
- A proven record of competitive success
- A welcoming, inclusive community
- Financial and professional support for the role, including contest and training expenses

About Ōtautahi Christchurch

Ōtautahi Christchurch is a vibrant and forward-looking city on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island. It combines natural beauty, a thriving cultural scene, and a welcoming community.

Ōtautahi Christchurch offers:

- An outstanding lifestyle with mountains, beaches, rivers, and parks all within easy reach
- A creative, dynamic city with a thriving arts and music scene, innovative businesses, and world-class facilities
- Global connectivity with an international airport, growing industries, and strong opportunities for those relocating
- A balanced way of life with family-friendly neighbourhoods, affordable living compared with many global cities, and a community that embraces diversity and creativity

Whether you are seeking a place to grow artistically, enjoy adventure, or make a new home, Ōtautahi Christchurch offers an inspiring environment to live, work, and make music.

Join Us

If you are ready to lead one of the world's top women's barbershop choruses into its exciting new era, we would love to hear from you.

Please submit a cover letter and CV and any other relevant supporting information to support your application.

Applications close: Friday 31 October 2025

Contact: For questions or to submit your application, please email Sarah Lowery, CCC Team Coordinator at chorusadmin@ccchorus.co.nz.