

Trinity Cathedral Associate Director of Music Job Description

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th Street
Little Rock, AR 72205

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is seeking applications for the position of Associate Director of Music. The mission of Trinity's music program is to glorify God through music, support congregational singing and participation, engage with the greater Little Rock community, and support high quality church music as a leader in the Diocese of Arkansas. This position reports to the Director of Music.

Trinity has a busy and exciting musical life, including a chorister program, a choral scholar program, a concert series (including choral concerts with orchestra), a handbell choir, the Trinity Ringing Society (tower bells), and the Cathedral Choir. The Cathedral Choir, comprising volunteers, choral scholars, and eight professional singers, is one of only a handful of choirs in the country to sing Choral Evensong every week (September through May).

Requirements of the position include the following:

- Excellent organ-playing abilities: The successful candidate must be able to cope with a high volume of difficult repertoire (both solo and choral) and have already cultivated a large and varied repertoire of solo organ music. A typical Sunday includes two sets of Anglican chant psalmody, three anthems, a Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, and four substantial voluntaries. The choir also performs choral mass settings and communion services periodically. Choral repertoire regularly includes difficult accompaniments (e.g. works by Elgar, Harris, Stanford, Bairstow, Duruflé, etc.).
- Flexibility and collegiality
- Skill in choral accompaniment
- A commitment to and familiarity with sacred choral music

Desirable qualifications:

- Degrees in organ performance and/or church music
- AGO certification
- Skill in conducting and/or improvising
- Musical creativity, particularly in hymn and psalm accompaniment
- Writing, communication, and organizational skills

Responsibilities include the following:

- Serve as the primary accompanist for choral eucharists and evensongs each week
- Shared responsibility for playing voluntaries, hymns, service music, improvising, and conducting the choirs
- Deputize for the Director of Music in his absence
- Manage extensive music library (approximately 2,400 titles)
- Play weddings, funerals, and diocesan events for extra compensation as assigned
- Assist in accompanying and rehearsing the Cathedral Choir and Children's Choir
- Direct the Cathedral Bell Choir
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Meet weekly with the Director of Music to review choral music
- Assist with other administrative responsibilities within the music program

Trinity's Instruments:

- Muller Pipe Organ: 82 ranks (plus 4 digital pedal stops), six divisions (three of which are expressive), and four manuals with pedal
- Several pianos
- Trinity has also recently submitted a deposit to Taylor and Boody Organbuilders for a continuo organ. This instrument will arrive by December 2023.

Hours, Salary, and Benefits: This position is 40 hours work per week with an annual salary of \$50,000-\$55,000, and comes with health and dental insurance, long-term disability, life insurance, a 9% pension contribution, a continuing education allowance, and, if necessary, a moving allowance. Information about these benefits is found in the "2021 Standards and Plan Booklet" from the Diocese of Arkansas.

Vacation: This position comes with two weeks of vacation the first year and three weeks thereafter. There is significant flexibility to accommodate a recital career. Time away for recitals does not count as vacation but must be approved by the Director of Music and the Dean and Rector.

Please address applications to Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music. Applications should include a letter of inquiry, résumé, and links to unedited recordings of solo organ repertoire sent to colin@trinitylittlerock.org. (Recordings of improvisation, choral conducting, choral accompaniment, and hymn playing are also welcome.) Starting date is summer of 2022.