



POSITION VACANT

MUSICAL DIRECTOR / CHOIR LEADER



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

This is an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated, community-spirited person with the musical ability and leadership to coordinate a multicultural choir incorporating music and song from around the world.

Position title:	Musical Director/Choir Leader.
Reports to:	CQMA President or nominee and the Manager Arts Heritage RRC.
Positions supervised:	Nil.
Location:	Rehearsal venue available in North Rockhampton.
Salary and benefits:	A stipend amount for the program will be based on knowledge and skills and experience and will include rehearsal time, and acquisition of any music and preparation.
Applications close:	Friday 8 December 2017, 5 pm, (17:00 hours).

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW:

The Central Queensland Multicultural Association Inc. (CQMA) has been active in the Central Queensland Region for many years and has been involved in a wide variety of community events and festivals. Through this type involvement CQMA continues to seek and highly values active community participation in song/dance activities to celebrate the richness of our multicultural community and to show case either individual and community unique talents in song and dance. Whilst fostering friendship, harmony and individual and community growth or in some cases advance individual careers in the arts.

The Rockhampton Regional Council is the local government body for the Central Queensland region including Rockhampton, Gracemere and Mt Morgan. The funding for this role has been provided by the Regional Arts Development Fund. A partnership between Rockhampton Regional Council and the Queensland State Government which invests in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland, based on locally determined priorities.

THE MULTICULTURAL CHOIR PROJECT:

Central Queensland Multicultural Association Inc. (CQMA) are proud to work with the Rockhampton Regional Council on this exciting project. We are seeking a Musical Director/Conductor to coordinate a multicultural choir, to present to the public in 2018 and foster longevity of the choir within the community.

THE PROJECT AIM:

The Multicultural Choir Project is to build a united, harmonious and inclusive community through song and the appreciation of music.

- To develop and promote performance in Central Queensland.
- To connect community groups and singers, fostering collaboration.
- To showcase the vast range of rich musical cultures in this region.
- To celebrate the community's rich diversity, and communicate through our shared language of music.

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THE PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Individual singers making connections with others through shared experiences both musically and culturally.
- Create a platform for cultural groups to become involved and contribute to their community.
- Enhance harmony within the community through a collective cultural activity.
- Enhance recognition of the contribution different cultures give and share in the community.
- Promotion of Rockhampton as a city that embraces multiculturalism, in which all individuals can develop a full sense of belonging, and participate and contribute to the community.
- Recognition of people in our midst who speak other languages/song/dance and gain an understanding of others.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S MAIN ROLE OBJECTIVES:

- (1) Coordinate a Multicultural Choir that consists of members from many different cultural groups.
- (2) The basis of the choir repertoire reflects the cultural mosaic of the choir members and their heritage – ideally including repertoire guided by the backgrounds of participants.
- (3) To embrace, nurture and foster friendships through song.
- (4) Rehearsal times will be guided by community participants to ensure maximum engagement. It is expected a minimum commitment of 2 hours contact time per week over 12 weeks and 2 public performances.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Major role and responsibilities

- Undertake the rehearsal of a community choir.
- Provide warm ups at each rehearsal and advise on safe singing technique.
- Set-up and clean-up the rehearsal space before and after the rehearsal.
- Follow existing work policies and procedures and systems.
- Observe and adhere to the requirements of the WHS legislation, relevant to the job, and adhere to Rockhampton Regional Council policies and procedures regarding WHS.

ROLE SUPPORT:

The role will be supported by volunteer workers.
A rehearsal venue will be available.

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SELECTION CRITERIA:

Essential

- (1) High degree of musical competency in choral conducting.
- (2) Competent in cross-cultural communications.
- (3) Embracing attitude, flexibility and adaptability to the development of a multicultural choir.
- (4) Experience working with community choirs.
- (5) Agility and openness to change:
 - Connectivity, collaboration and sound judgment; and committed to ethical and respectful behavior.
 - Cultural inclusion.

Desirable

- (6) Ability to arrange choral music.
- (7) Experience with arranging folk music.

OTHER RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Current unrestricted driver's license.
- Current First Aid Certificate.
- Federal Police Clearance.
- Travel may be required.
- Open to Australian citizens and migrants who are eligible to work in Australia.
- An ABN and Public Liability for \$10M.
- To be eligible, the applicant requires appropriate WHS practices and insurance: all current tickets and licenses are required to be sighted.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please forward your current Resume/CV including the contact information of two referees, along with a maximum two (2) page response to the Selection Criteria.

If successful you will be asked to an interview in the week of December 11, 2017.

All applications must be received by 5pm, 8th December 2017.

Email: cqma_inc@hotmail.com

Postal: PO Box 5535, Redhill PO North Rockhampton, 4701.

In person: Central Queensland University, Building 41, Room 31, Buzzacott Circle, North Rockhampton QLD 4702 (access via the courtyard).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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