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## **ASSISTANT CHOIR CONDUCTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2024**

A unique opportunity to join Parramatta's flagship symphonic choral organisation

Established in 2018, and led by its exceptional artistic director, Dr Sarah Penicka-Smith (AD), River City Voices (RCV) is gaining recognition for its multi-artform, inclusive, and unique collaborative choral programs. RCV's 2023 season has included a large-scale public participatory event at Parramatta Gaol, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna at St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta, appearances in national advertising campaigns, and twice on the Concert Hall stage of the Sydney Opera House, most recently for SOH's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Open House Weekend. In December in St Patrick's Cathedral, RCV partners with Ngarra-burria First Peoples Composers program as Ensemble in Residence in a uniquely Australian Christmas program.

An equally exciting season of collaborative artistic programs and workshops is planned for 2024 with our cohort of 70 committed and passionate western Sydney choristers.

### **The Role**

First delivered in 2019/20, River City Voices is pleased to once again offer an aspirant choral conductor the chance to study and work alongside Dr Sarah Penicka-Smith.

Previous conductors in this Development Program have included: Alex Siegers, Dr Philip Eames, and Joanna Brooke.

The program is tailored to your needs through discussion with the AD, and a schedule created comprising rehearsal dates during each block during which the ACC will observe (minimum 50% of all calls), conduct selected items, and ultimately lead choir rehearsals with potential to participate in performances. There will also be opportunities for individual mentorship.

The choir rehearses every Thursday evening in Parramatta (6.30-9.30pm), generally in 10-11 week blocks culminating in a performance.

### **Remuneration**

This is not a salaried position, however a scholarship amount of \$ 4,000 will be made available in addition to payment for each rehearsal that the Assistant leads in the absence of the AD.

We invite you to forward an Expression of Interest to the General Manager, Inara Molinari, via email [manager@rivercityvoices.org.au](mailto:manager@rivercityvoices.org.au), outlining your music training, conducting experience and any positions held, and how you hope to advance your skills through joining River City Voices.

### **EOIs close 15 December, 2023**

**Interviews/Audition will take place during the week of 22 February 2024.**

We encourage you to discuss the position further and obtain the 2024 Rehearsal and Performance Schedule by phoning Inara on 0409 776 577.