Artistic Director Search

The Newberry Consort (Chicago, IL) seeks to engage an Artistic Director to succeed the current Directors upon their retirement, which could be as early as the end of the 2021–22 season (their 15th year of service).

The Ideal Candidate will be an artist with international stature as a performer and scholar, and will have experience conceiving, researching, directing, and performing in historically informed productions of early music. This position is a part-time, independent contractor post. Compensation is commensurate with experience and stature in the field.

The Consort presents four programs annually in the Chicagoland area, each program performed three times in different venues. The group performs on tour and at symposia and workshops and has recently entered into a relationship with Parma Recordings to release their projects on CD. The Consort is renowned for presenting scrupulously researched, accessible, and compelling programs of repertoire from the 12th to the 18th centuries, often including visual media, costumes and staging, and performers in related fields such as acting and dance.

The Artistic Director of the Newberry Consort reports to the Board of Directors and works with a General Manager and a team of specialists in support roles such as grant writing, graphic design, and projection design.

Responsibilities: The Artistic Director will carry out the mission of the ensemble by, among other tasks:

- Designing and directing an annual season of concerts
- Choosing and contracting with an ensemble of musicians for each project from a local pool, as well as drawing on specialists from outside Chicago
- Obtaining suitable performance editions or creating them from original sources
- Translating texts or seeking suitable translations
- Writing program notes
- Writing copy for advertising and promotional use
- Creating draft budgets (together with the Treasurer) for each program
- Working with the Grant Writer on grant proposals and reports
- Working with the BOD on donor development

Residency in the Chicago area by August of first season employed is required.

For More Information about The Consort’s Mission and History: www.newberryconsort.org

To Apply: Send (1) a cover letter, describing your interests and your desire and ability to carry on the Consort’s mission; (2) a resumé or CV; (3) a performance biography in PDF format; and (4) work samples—concert programs, links to digital content (audio and/or video) to info@newberryconsort.org

Deadline: April 10, 2021

The Newberry Consort is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.