



MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Bells In Motion is a progressive handbell ensemble based in Springfield, Illinois. The ensemble combines seven octaves of handbells and chimes, string bass, drums and other musical instruments to perform music ranging from jazz to classical, big band to blues, and sacred to original compositions written especially for this thrilling group of performers and their instrument. Bells In Motion electrifies the stage and includes the spirited sounds of jazz for which they are well known.

Under direct supervision of Bells in Motion Board of Governors, the Music Director provides a challenging, supportive, musical experience for members of the ensemble. He/she promotes the awareness and use of handbells in the community through concerts and workshops, providing educational opportunities in handbell techniques and musicianship.

Principal Accountabilities

- Responsible for maintaining the highest level of quality of performance and musicianship while providing the following:
 - Ensemble membership through auditions as needed for candidates seeking membership. Candidates must exhibit a high level of ringing techniques and musical interpretation.
 - Music selection, which considers such factors as ensemble size and abilities while preserving the character of BIM as agreed upon by the Board of Governors and ensemble members.
- Participates in the preparation for performances:
 - Approves performance arrangements as proposed by the Concert Committee.
 - Schedules and plans rehearsals
 - Assigns parts to members to obtain balance among ringers and the music.
 - Coordinate with additional instrumentalists and guest artists, as needed, to discuss and prepare for performances
 - Collaborate with music librarian to ensure availability and acquisition of music and scores.
 - Coordination and organization of tours
- Participates with the appropriate committees and the Board of Governors in the following administrative tasks of the organization:
 - Establishing means of obtaining and maintaining financial stability
 - Developing budgets
 - Planning and implementing of fund-raising and promotional activities

Qualifications

- Extensive knowledge of handbell ringing and techniques
- Knowledge and experience in conducting handbell ensembles.
- Exhibits conducting techniques, which are able to clearly communicate the musical interpretation with the ensemble.
- Demonstrates excellent coordination, communication, and leadership skills.

Employment Status and Benefits

- Salaried Position: Commensurate with experience and qualifications
- Travel expenses: To be considered by location of candidate