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New Horizons Chorus Intern

Hiring organization
Portsmouth Music and Arts Center

Employment Type
Part-time

Beginning of employment
Rolling basis

Job Location
973 Islington St., 03801, Portsmouth

Base Salary
$ 20/hr

Valid through
31.12.2026

Description

Portsmouth Music & Arts Center (PMAC) is excited to announce an **internship opportunity** for college students interested in music, music education, and community arts. We are currently seeking passionate and motivated interns to join our **New Horizons Chorus**, a joyful, adult ensemble dedicated to singing for the joy of singing. This role could be filled by multiple interns based on availability.

About the Internship

This internship offers a unique combination of **hands-on teaching experience** and **active musical participation**. Rehearsals are weekly throughout the year on Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 PM, with occasional breaks due to holiday breaks. Interns will be fully welcomed into the choir—singing in rehearsals, preparing for performances, and learning alongside our members—while also gaining supervised experience **assisting with instruction and rehearsal leadership** under the guidance of the Choir Director.

What You'll Do

- Sing and participate in rehearsals with the choir
- Assist the director with vocal warmups, sectional rehearsals, and teaching moments
- Support administrative or logistical tasks for concerts and events
- Serve as an enthusiastic ambassador for collaborative community music

Why This Internship?

- Gain real-world experience in community-based music education
- Build confidence leading ensembles in a supportive, encouraging environment
- Strengthen your résumé with teaching, leadership, and performance skills
- Work closely with PMAC faculty and receive individualized mentorship

Responsibilities

This ensemble has two concert cycles. There are internship openings for both cycles. Applicants may apply for both cycles.

Concert Cycle #1

Rehearsal Schedule

5:00-6:30PM unless otherwise indicated

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Thursday, December 10, 2026

Thursday, December 17, 2026

Concerts

Saturday, November 7, 2026, midday/afternoon time TBD

Sunday, December 20, 2026, Call time 4PM, Concert at 5PM

Concert Cycle #2

Rehearsal Schedule

5:00-6:30PM unless otherwise indicated

Thursday, January 28, 2027

Thursday, February 11, 2027

Thursday, February 18, 2027

Thursday, March 4, 2027

Thursday, March 11, 2027

Thursday, March 18, 2027

Thursday, March 25, 2027

Thursday, April 1, 2027

Thursday, April 8, 2027

Thursday, April 22, 2027

Thursday, May 6, 2027

Thursday, May 13, 2027

Thursday, May 20, 2027

Concert Schedule

Saturday, May 22, 2027, Call time 2:30PM, Concert at 3:30PM

Qualifications
We invite applications from current college students (undergraduate or graduate) studying music, music education, vocal performance, choral conducting, or related fields. A passion for community arts and collaborative music-making is essential. All voice parts will be considered.

In your application, please include details about any conflicts you may have with rehearsals or concerts and clearly state the concert cycle(s) when you are available.

Job Benefits
The Portsmouth Music and Arts Center (PMAC) is a multi-faceted arts center serving all ages and abilities. In addition to individual instruction in music and visual arts, PMAC offers ensembles, classes, summer camps, and community arts outreach programs, along with live music performances and art exhibitions by both students and professionals. PMAC addresses the need for arts education in the greater Seacoast region by providing high quality instruction that compliments the offerings in our local public and private schools. In addition, we meet the needs of students of all ages, regardless of skill level or aspiration. PMAC offers cultural opportunities to all people regardless of their age, ability, or economic status, and continually strives to build community through the arts. PMAC respects, values, and welcomes diversity in our workplace. We welcome candidates of varied backgrounds, capabilities, perspectives, social identities, and gender expressions. PMAC is an equal opportunity employer.

Contacts
Please send a one page résumé and a short statement of interest (1–2 paragraphs) to **Michelle Shoemaker, Dir. of Education at michelle@pmaconline.org,** with the subject line *"New Horizons Chorus Internship Application."*

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but early submissions are encouraged.