

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM CHORAL CONDUCTOR MENTORING PROGRAM 2020

1. The New England Conservatorium of Music provides extension activities and support for emerging student conductors through its Choral Conductor Mentoring Program.
2. The NECOM Choral Conductor Mentoring Program provides a specialised enrichment opportunity for students, including weekly mentoring with the resident ensemble Director(s) during rehearsals, masterclasses with visiting prominent conductors, general workshops, in addition to other training and performance opportunities as they arise throughout the year.

Benefits of conducting include:
 - Develops leadership, problem solving and task-management skills
 - Develops the ability to interpret music scores (eg. instrumentation and tone colour)
 - Improves ability to hear inner parts in harmony
3. The Choral Conductor Mentoring Program is open to Year 11 students enrolled in the New England Singers at the New England Conservatorium of Music. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated long term commitment to their ensemble.
4. Applications must be lodged by **5pm Friday 22 November 2019** to the Conservatorium.
5. Applications must include:
 - a) Completion of 2020 Conductor Mentoring Program Application Form.
 - b) Report from their ensemble Director (or school music teacher) indicating the applicant's musical aptitude, commitment to their current ensembles and potential as a conductor.
6. The Conductor Mentoring Selection Panel will be chaired by the Director of the Conservatorium.
7. Applicants will be assessed on merit, potential, skill and commitment demonstrated in their ensemble activities in the community, and their ensemble Director's Report.
8. It is expected that the successful recipient(s) will be outstanding ambassadors for the role. This includes being early for rehearsals; maintaining an outstanding attendance record; assisting with rehearsal set-up, distribution/collection of music, and checking/marking rolls; taking/assisting with rehearsals and sectionals.
9. Positions in the Choral Conductor Mentoring Program are provided free of charge as a scholarship opportunity. However, it is a requirement that recipients are enrolled in the New England Singers and all term fees are paid in full by the due date. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the scholarship opportunity being cancelled.
10. Positions in the Choral Conductor Mentoring Program will be offered in November 2019 and will be tenable for the 2020 calendar year. NECOM reserves the right not to award positions in any given year.
11. The Selection Panel's decision in all matters will be final. **Correspondence will not be entered into.**

Applications close on Friday 22 November 2019, 5pm
Notification of successful applicants will be made in late-November 2019.

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