

Assistant Professor of Music and Associate Director of Choral Activities Stetson University School of Music

The Stetson University School of Music seeks an Associate Director of Choral Activities at the rank of tenure-track Assistant Professor. This is a full-time, 9-month position that begins in August 2024.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have a proven record of conducting excellence, outstanding musicianship, effective choral conducting experience at the university level or commensurate professional experience, and demonstrated success with recruiting, retaining, and mentoring undergraduate singers from diverse backgrounds. We are especially interested in candidates who have a strong commitment to all aspects of inclusivity in our learning-centered community. A completed MM is required; a DMA or PhD degree is preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The position will involve conducting two of Stetson's four choral ensembles, teaching undergraduate conducting courses, intermediate and advanced choral conducting courses, and/or other music classes based on the candidate's expertise and experience and the needs of the School of Music. The Associate Director of Choral Activities' essential responsibilities will include collaboration with the Director of Choral Activities in all aspects of recruitment of new students and current students pursuing a variety of degrees from across Stetson's campus. Participation, coordination, and leadership will be assumed in planning and executing Stetson's Fall Choral Festival and Mid-Winter Tenor/Bass Festival. Further responsibilities encompass academic advising, mentoring and assisting students in developing professional goals beyond Stetson, and providing service to the university community. (For more information on Stetson's expectations in teaching, scholarship/creative activity, as well as tenure policies and support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website: <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/provost>)

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Stetson's School of Music (<http://www.stetson.edu/music>) is an exclusively undergraduate program known for its excellence, depth, and long-standing reputation for the quality of its education. The school offers BM, BME, and BA degrees, with majors in performance, music education, music theory, composition, and outside-field areas. A faculty of 46 serves approximately 225 music majors and minors. The school has its own dean and holds full membership in the National Association of Schools of Music. Recent graduates of the School of Music are found on the stages of the world's great opera houses (including the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, and Covent Garden). They hold leadership positions in major symphony orchestras, serve as faculty members of the most prestigious colleges and universities nationwide, and they gain admission to distinguished graduate programs in the United States and Europe. The School of Music is proud of the consistent placement of its graduates as teachers in K-12 school music education programs in Florida and throughout the nation.

THE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with nearly 3,700 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,300 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1954 and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs include Business, Accounting, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning,

Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 38,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY

Salary is competitive.

STARTING DATE

August 8, 2024

APPLICATION

Qualified candidates should submit via email to choralsearch@stetson.edu a cover letter and a curriculum vitae. In the cover letter, candidates should address the stated qualifications and responsibilities and are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to leadership in the education of undergraduate students of highly diverse backgrounds.

Additional materials will be requested at a later stage, including letters of recommendation and a live video recording of a choral rehearsal and performance in addition to recent concert programs.

Initial screening of materials will begin on December 15, 2023, and will continue until the position is filled. Please direct inquiries and nominations to Dr. Timothy Peter, Search Committee Chair, at tpeter@stetson.edu

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research, and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.