



COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

Job Title:	Collaborative Pianist
Organization:	Hamilton Children's Choir
Location:	Hamilton, Ontario (primarily in-person work at events, including evenings and weekends)
Hours Per Week:	Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:45PM plus one performance on May 8, 2027
Honorarium:	\$45.00/hour
Start Date:	ASAP

About Us

Hamilton Children's Choir is committed to providing children and youth with rich musical education and performance opportunities, creating a sense of belonging, nurturing personal growth, and ensuring singers experience the benefits of community. Over their 51 year history, HCC has seen over 3000 children and youth participate in the choir. HCC is proud to be one of the most sought-after choirs invited to perform locally, nationally, and internationally.

HCC offers six progressive choral music education programs currently enjoyed by over 200 young singers between the ages of 18 months and 24 years. Under the artistic leadership of Melanie Tellez and her team of superb artistic staff, HCC is dedicated to exploring fresh approaches to choral music that reduce barriers, strengthen the choral art form, and demonstrate that artists come in all shapes, sizes, and ages. HCC is proud to offer a robust Financial Award Program that ensures that every young voice, regardless of their financial circumstances, can experience the transformative power of music.

Position Overview

Hamilton Children's Choir is seeking a Collaborative Pianist to support our Artistic Staff of our Kantisto choir (ages 5-7) during weekly rehearsals and performances. Collaborative pianists work closely with the HCC choral ensemble conductor, accompanying the singers in rehearsal, delivering theory and sight-singing curriculum, leading sectional rehearsals, and performing with the ensembles in concert.

Key Responsibilities

Reporting to the Artistic Director, this position will:



- be familiar enough with their choir's repertoire to condense vocal scores and/or play accompaniment as requested by the conductor
- provide rehearsal support through:
 - learning chorister names
 - arriving early to consult with the conductor about the rehearsal plan
 - actively engaging with children to ready materials prior to rehearsal
 - assisting children who are visibly struggling with concepts, focus or materials
 - taking initiative to seek out those who appear to need help/support rather than waiting to be asked
 - engaging in the management of the group- being part of the active 'teaching team' and using verbal and physical prompts to encourage focus and positive learning (ie- asking kids to stop talking, encouraging good posture and physical engagement)
- Assist in theory teaching in helping children as needed
- Lead small groups in sight-singing exercises. A piano may or may not be available for these sessions, so pianists should feel comfortable modelling vocally and assessing student success
- confirming dates from website frequently; prioritizing HCC events when given at season's start
- allowing appropriate notice for absences, illness notwithstanding
- responding to emails and phone inquiries, or promptly relaying to a more appropriate person (AD, HCC Admin staff, etc) within 72 hours
- encouraging personal and collegial development through observation, sharing of ideas and materials, and openness to incorporation of new ideas or suggestions from colleagues

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Music in piano performance, collaborative piano, or music education, or equivalent professional and educational experience
- Experience playing for choirs, preferably children's or youth choirs
- Passion and comfort working with children in a supervisory capacity, as an educator, and as a musician

How To Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit an resume and cover letter, ideally including a video recording that demonstrates your artistry in action, addressed to Melanie Tellez, at careers@hamiltonchildrenschoir.com by September 9th, 2026 at 11:59PM. Applications will be assessed as they are received. Please highlight your musical background and explicitly state your evening availability on Tuesdays.

Hamilton Children's Choir is an equal opportunity employer and encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.