DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 16, 2017

Job Description: The School of Music at West Virginia University seeks to hire a full-time, nine-month, tenure-track, Assistant Professor of Choral Activities to begin Fall 2017. We are seeking a talented teacher, musician and conductor to collaborate with faculty in enhancing our educational environment.

The main responsibility will be teaching and conducting a university choral curriculum according to the needs of the School of Music. Additional teaching responsibilities will include graduate courses in conducting, choral literature, choral techniques, and special topics. Undergraduate teaching may include courses in conducting. Additional responsibilities will be assigned according to the needs of the School of Music.

All School of Music faculty are expected to demonstrate value to the profession and university through creative activity and scholarship. For conductors, developing a regional presence and national reputation of high quality musical and professional activities will be expected. Active participation in student recruitment is expected, including but not limited to maintaining a positive relationship with public school music educators in WV and surrounding states. The successful candidate will join a team of conductors and faculty who work closely together on musical, academic, and educational matters for the benefit of our students. The School of Music seeks a candidate who will demonstrate exemplary communication skills, collegiality, and the ability to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life of the University. Participation in faculty service activities, including committee work, is expected.

Qualifications (by the time of appointment): Exceptional educator, musician, and conductor with a minimum of two years leading an active university-level choral program. Applicants must have demonstrated a record of exceptional teaching and musicianship as a conductor, a commitment to proper voice pedagogy and vocal health, and a demonstrated ability to successfully recruit students. Master of Music or Master of Arts in Music (or equivalent degree) is required. Doctorate in Choral Conducting (or equivalent degree) is desired. Successful teaching of graduate students is desired. Successful conducting activities outside of the collegiate environment (including but not limited to secondary school, professional choir, etc.) is welcomed.

To apply, please visit: http://www.jobs.wvu.edu. Application materials must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three professional references with their full contact information, and a document with an online link(s) (YouTube or Vimeo only) or video file (.mpg or .mov only) of a short sample video or videos of conducting. Additional materials may be requested at a later date. Review of applications will begin October 18, 2016. The search will remain open until the position is filled. Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting the WVU School of Music.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC (music.wvu.edu) brings together musicians and scholars from across the nation and the world in a vibrant musical community that is dedicated to fostering excellence, creativity, and innovation in the arts and humanities. It is the flagship music institution in the state, located about an hour’s drive from Pittsburgh and about three hours by car from Baltimore or Washington, D.C. Of the almost 735 majors in the College of Creative Arts, 290 are in the School of Music. Housed in the Creative Arts Center, the School of Music comprises 40 full-time and 18 part-time faculty, and is the only fully-accredited music unit in the state of West Virginia that offers BA, BM, MM, MA, DMA, and PhD degree programs in music. Music faculty members can benefit from an active program of professional development and travel grants sponsored by WVU and by the College of Creative Arts.

The School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the music education program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and the West Virginia Department of Education.

Information about the current choral offerings in the School of Music can be found at http://www.music.wvu.edu/ensembles.
THE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS (ccarts.wvu.edu) is one of 15 colleges within the university, includes the Schools of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Art & Design, and offers the state’s premiere training in the visual and performing arts. Each of these units has a national profile of excellence and all programs are nationally accredited (NAST, NASM, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU’s Creative Arts Center and has more than 70 full-time faculty and 20 professional staff whose mission is to educate succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the Arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the regional community.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (wvu.edu) is classified as a Doctoral/Research University-Extensive, and is the state’s only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 5,500 graduate students enrolled in more than 184 graduate and undergraduate programs. The university community is committed to student-centered priorities, academic excellence, research, creative activity and service to the state.

The city of Morgantown has 55,000 residents and has been ranked as the “#1 Small City in America,” the “Best Small City in the East,” and the “3rd Best Small Town” in the nation. Boasting a strong economy and an unemployment rate well below the national average, the area also offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities.

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff and students, and invites applications from all qualified individuals, including minorities, females, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. WVU has created a dual career program to help faculty partners or spouses find employment in and around the university. WVU belongs to the OH/Western PA/WV Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC). Please visit dualcareer.wvu.edu and ohwpawvherc.org for more information and job postings.