



*St Francis Xavier's
Gardiner Street
Dublin 1*

Position Title: Gospel Choir Musical Director

Location: Dublin City

The Gardiner Street Gospel Choir (GSGC) is seeking an energetic, innovative Musical Director with a passion for community and a strong belief that music can change lives.

The GSGC is a community of volunteers that works closely with the Parish Priest and the Musical Director to enrich the celebration of Mass at St Francis Xavier's Gardiner Street. We choose Gospel Music because of its energy and its power to connect our experience with faith. It is a space for exploration, promoting active involvement rather than passive consumption. Since its foundation 15 years ago it has become a community of discernment, seeking where God is to be found in our experience, in the challenges of culture and world events. We have special solidarity with the poor and the homeless and at its heart is an experience of Jesus in Word and Sacrament.

Key Responsibilities:

- Arrange music and conduct Choir and Band at the Mass and at Concerts/Gigs
- Liaise with the Liturgy Preparation Team in selecting songs related to the Sunday readings and the seasons
- Actively explore and experiment with new music for the enrichment of the GSGC experience
- Ensure the efficient management of the weekly rehearsal with the choir
- Source and prepare all musical scores, copying of lyrics etc. (Copying facilities available)
- Renew the choir membership with recruitment activities
- Select, audition, admit, induct and monitor choir members and ensure their presence at practices
- Organise a fair, regular and transparent audition process for the selection of soloists in the choir
- Organise rehearsals as required with the Band
- Promote the choir nationally and internationally by organising, in liaison with the Parish Priest and volunteers, occasional trips, concerts, gigs for charity etc
- Ensure the web-presence of the GSGCM by encouraging volunteers with (Facebook, Twitter, Website)

The ideal candidate will have:

- A Music or Music Education Degree (or equivalent experience)
- Choral experience (ideally as director)
- Instrumental competence (ideally on piano)
- Expertise in IT package for composition and choirs such as "Finale"
- Familiarity with Dropbox

Applicants will be required to show:

- Sense of liturgy, balancing performance with prayer
- Leadership in the GSGC's core values (community, enthusiasm, volunteer nature, passion)
- Strong interpersonal skills (positivity)
- Drive/ determination

The job will require availability for Sunday evenings and one evening practice during the week with a break during summer months. There is also some flexibility around public holidays. Salary will be commensurate with experience and ability.

Interested candidates must apply in writing with CV and address how they satisfy the criteria described above. Applications to Fr. Gerard J. Clarke SJ, St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 1 D01 RK07 or by email to gclarke@jesuit.ie by Friday 20th May 2016.

St Francis Xavier's Gardiner Street is an equal opportunities employer.