

ROGER ANDERSON CHORALE

CONDUCTING INTERNSHIP

BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Roger Anderson Chorale is Encinitas's very own community choir and has an annual free concert series presented in a variety of venues. RAC's 2020 season is an eclectic blend of songs crossing international borders and traveling to all time eras. As "Singing Ambassadors" in the Encinitas community and broader San Diego County, we are dedicated to the enhancement of musical excellence and artistic culture.

Roger Alden Anderson has devoted his career to conducting and educating young and old alike in choral music. Mr. Anderson received a strong choral and music theory background from Westminster Choir College (Bachelor of Music). He received a Master of Arts in Music of Higher Education from New York University.

Mr. Anderson has over thirty years experience teaching and directing choral and instrumental music, music theory and musical theater. He has worked with secondary students, at the college level, and with older adults. He retired as Director of Music at Rincon Middle School, where he taught and directed choir, band, and general music. He prepared his students with a firm musical foundation, including theory, solfège, opera history and multicultural music.

As his retirement approached, Mr. Anderson conceived of developing a conducting internship. He envisioned providing a unique opportunity for college conducting students to conduct a choir on an ongoing basis during a concert season. Potential interns go through an application process and Mr. Anderson selects the intern. The intern is expected to attend all rehearsals, assist in rehearsals and conduct when Mr. Anderson is unavailable. Perhaps most unusually, the intern is also assigned at least one piece to conduct in nearly every concert. The intern is warmly welcomed into the Roger Anderson Chorale's family and builds a rapport with singers and staff and is encouraged to attend board meetings and serves on the Education and Outreach committee of the board. With all these duties also comes an internship stipend. The expectations are rigorous, but the rewards are immeasurable.

Time Commitment for rehearsals and Season 2021 Concerts

Rehearsals

Location: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 890 Balour Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm starting on September 8, 2020 through our final performance in June 2021.

Concerts

There are 3 concerts scheduled for Season 2021, two performances of each concert (Saturday evening at 7pm and Sunday afternoon at 4 pm). Typically the concerts will be in January, April and June. Facilities are yet to be determined but RAC has performed in a variety of venues in San Diego County. At this time, two of the three concerts are planned for Encinitas.

Scores will be provided to the intern.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month August through June (no meetings in December and January). The intern will be encouraged to attend if there will be a relevant topic.