

1st Alto in Edvard Grieg Vokalensemble

Internationally acclaimed a cappella ensemble Edvard Grieg Vokalensemble have a vacancy for the 1st Alto position. We are looking for a 1st Alto with a flexible voice who can facilitate all aspects of our varied and challenging repertoire, including a cappella, orchestral and operatic productions.

Edvard Grieg Vokalensemble (EGV) is Bergen's professional classical vocal ensemble, consisting of 8 singers in 70% salaried positions. EGV's primary focus is a cappella singing as an 8 voiced ensemble, whilst also forming the core ensemble in Edvard Grieg Kor. Edvard Grieg Kor is a chamber choir consisting of the 8 singers in EGV plus 8 to 12 regular guest singers. EGK is currently under the musical direction of Chief Conductor, Edward Gardner. Recent highlights for EGK include the performances of Ligeti's Lux Aeterna and Requiem at the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

In addition to a cappella singing, the ensemble is also fulfilling obligations to our important artistic collaborative partners, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra and Bergen National Opera, for whose productions we provide the professional choral element. For symphonic and opera chorus productions the ensemble is expanded up to 32 singers, depending on the requirements of each project.

The eight EGV-singers also work closely and regularly with the young singers across Edvard Grieg Korene's many children's and youth choirs. Currently more than 200 young singers aged between 6 and 26 rehearse every week of the school year. EGV singers provide individual tuition and mentoring as part of their schedule.

The singers in Edvard Grieg Vokalensemble are required to reside in Bergen in order to carry out the professional obligations of the group, and they are expected to gain a basic grasp of the Norwegian language within the first year of employment. (Working languages are Norwegian and English)

Qualifications:

- Minimum Master's qualification in voice at conservatoire level or similar
- Experience in ensemble singing at a professional level
- Competent sight reading ability.

Pay and conditions:

- _ 2 year contract beginning in 2025.
- 70% salaried position with pension
- Working hours vary depending on the project schedule
- Entitled to vacation and holiday pay according to standard Norwegian regulations

Application requirements:

- Application, CV and biography including relevant education and professional experience
- link to video, that is maximum 3 months old, of two pieces of your own choosing.

Repertoire requirements for the live audition will be sent out along with the invitation to the audition.

The first round of auditions will be held on the 17th and 18th October 2024 in Bergen, Norway.

The Panel will include the General and Artistic Director of Edvard Grieg Korene, The Artistic leader of Edvard Grieg Vokalensemble, and the Artistic leader of EGK's Children and Youth programme.

An accompanist will also be available.

The Deadline for applications is the 4th October 2024.

Please submit application, CV and links to video recordings to post@edvardgriegkorene.no