Southern Stars –Vocal Director 2023

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| **Title** | Vocal Director – Southern Stars 2023 |
| **Description** | Expressions of interest are invited for the voluntary position of Vocal Director for Southern Stars 2023. |

Southern Stars is an annual arena spectacular held in the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong with audiences of 12,000 each year. Open to all NSW public school students, it is a powerful, inspiring and energetic show featuring vocalists, dancers, circus performances, drama students and a mass choir to a live orchestra.

Since 2001, more than 50,000 public school students have been given the unforgettable opportunity to experience performing in the event. Southern Stars has cemented itself as a highlight in many schools’ annual calendar.

Staff involved give freely of their time in a **voluntary capacity.** Staff relief is paid for days when the successful candidate is required to attend rehearsals and show week. The majority of the rehearsals take place on the weekend and school holidays. Show week would require four days commitment and school holidays and weekend rehearsals approximately 20 days.

The event takes place in Wollongong although members of the current team reside all of NSW. Meetings currently take place online, with rehearsals based in Wollongong.

Southern Stars 2023 will commence the creative process shortly. The successful candidate would be required to commit until August 2023. The Vocal Director may have the option to renew their position in 2024.

**Role Description**

Vocal Director as required:

* Exceptional skills in organisation of rehearsals, staff scheduling, student scheduling, time management
* Demonstrated leadership experience and interest in; ensemble direction, score reading, sectional work, artist development
* Capacity to liaise and communicate effectively with the vocal team including the Featured Vocal Ensemble Coordinator and Choir Director to enhance teamwork
* Capacity to communicate effectively with students and parents during auditions, rehearsals and show week
* Demonstrated capacity to liaise with and work alongside the Musical Director and Creative Director
* Effectively plan and implement the vocal audition process with the Featured Ensemble Director
* Experience with music technology in a performance setting
* Knowledge of vocal ranges, vocal direction, warm-ups and exercises
* Experience in the use of production communications in a performance/show setting
* Basic keyboard accompaniment skills
* Willingness to attend production meetings and Southern Stars Performing Company meetings
* Must be a current DoE permanent or casual staff member

**Essential Criteria**

* Teaching qualifications and/or recent school or performance-based experience.
* Demonstrated understanding of large scale productions and expertise in one or more areas of the production.
* Excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.
* Demonstrated willingness to work collaboratively with the Southern Stars Team.
* Willingness to attend management meetings when requested.
* Demonstrated capacity to adhere to the approved budget for the show.
* Ability to work outside regular school hours and attend creative and production team meetings, auditions, weekend rehearsals, mass rehearsals and show week as required.

**To Apply**

Attach a maximum of one additional page addressing the selection criteria and email to Sharon Buikstra, Operations Manager, Southern Stars, at southern.stars@det.nsw.edu.au by **4.00 pm, Friday 22 October 2022**

One of the referees listed must be the applicant’s current principal or supervisor for non-school based teaching staff.

| More information\* | Response |
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| **Related link** | [Southern Stars - The Arena Spectacular](https://www.southernstarsarenaspectacular.com/) |
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