

# Job description Executive Manager - Utrecht Sings festival Leading Voices 2022

Commissioned by and in close cooperation with the Foundation Europa Cantat Utrecht (ECU), ZIMIHC is looking for an Executive Manager for the brand new international Utrecht Zingt festival Leading Voices. This five-day festival will take place in Utrecht in July 2022.

## About the festival

The Utrecht Zingt festival Leading Voices is a laboratory for choral music and brings together the latest developments on a single European platform, gives frontrunners the stage and also offers plenty of room for experiment and research. Discipline-transcending and innovative activities predominate. The festival has an international component aimed at professionals in and around choral music: conductors, vocal leaders, composers, creators, teachers, coaches, managers and artistic leaders. In addition, the festival has a national component aimed at amateur singers. More information on www.leadingvoices.nl and <u>www.zimihc.nl</u>.

The festival is developed by the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) and ZIMIHC. Both organisations have been working together in various projects for more than ten years and are represented on the board of the ECU Foundation.

The festival's programme is compiled by a music committee of renowned professionals from the choir world, who use input from the (inter)national network to create an attractive and trendsetting programme with workshops, concerts, labs, lectures, discussions and a marketplace for publishers..

### Project team and task

The project team of the festival consists of representatives of ECA-EC, ZIMIHC, the music committee and the Executive Manager of the festival. This project team is chaired by the coordinator of ZIMIHC Maatwerk, who is in charge of the project within ZIMIHC and also carries out the fundraising for the event.

The Executive Manager is responsible for the realisation of the event within the set financial and content frameworks. He or she puts together a production team to organise this. This is done in close consultation with the coordinator ZIMIHC Maatwerk, to whom the Executive Manager takes direct responsibility. The Executive Manager joins the board meetings of ECU on invitation. Your work is divided into 4 phases, each with a different number of hours/days per week. It concerns work on a freelance basis via a contract with the ECU Foundation. Your workplace is ZIMIHC theater Wittevrouwen in Utrecht, which also houses the office of ZIMIHC Maatwerk.

#### Criteria

ZIMIHC is looking for someone with an affinity for choral music and with demonstrable experience in the organisation of international festivals. More information about the criteria can be found in the job profile. In addition, we ask for your commitment to the festival from February 2020 to August 2022 or longer if the project requires it.

To present the festival and the team well, we would like you to visit the Europa Cantat festival in Ljubljana with ZIMIHC next summer and the annual conference of ECA-EC in Lyon in November.

#### Procedure

Please send your motivation and cv by email to Martine Spanjers via <u>m.spanjers@zimihc.nl</u>. Job interviews will be held on Monday 25 January and/or Thursday 28 January (if needed via ZOOM)

#### Contact

For questions about the vacancy please call Martine Spanjers, coordinator ZIMIHC Maatwerk (06-13305252 / m.spanjers@zimihc.nl).