Spectrum Big Band Music Director – Position Description

Spectrum Big Band is a ~20 piece big band of volunteer members that is part of the Canberra City Band (CCB) Inc organisation. The band rehearses weekly on Monday nights between 7.30pm – 9.30pm and performs for a range of audiences including community, corporate and festival events. We are looking for a new Music Director (MD) to lead the band through 2020 and beyond.

The MD of Spectrum Big Band is responsible under broad direction from the committee of CCB for the leadership, artistic direction and administrative oversight of the band. The position attracts an honorarium of $500 per month.

The responsibilities of the role include:

* preparing for and running rehearsals
* securing, preparing for and leading at performance opportunities (including paid performances)
* developing ensemble and musicianship skills of band members
* selecting music and working with CCB Librarian to maintain CCB Inc library
* ensuring quality of musical product
* maintaining a positive and welcoming rehearsal environment
* facilitating social cohesion within the band and between CCB Inc ensembles

The ideal applicant will be an experienced leader and Music Director, with expertise in jazz and big band music. They will be comfortable in a leadership role, use their initiative to develop and grow the band, and contribute to determining and achieving CCB Inc objectives.

Interested applicants should submit a CV and cover letter expressing why they are interested in the position and how their experience shows they are right for the role to vp@canberracityband.com by COB 24 January 2020. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to attend and take an audition rehearsal in February. The successful applicant will be determined by the CCB Inc committee based on feedback from the band on audition performance, their written response and an interview with members of the CCB Inc Executive.

Any questions can be sent to Vice President Jason Henderson at vp@canberracityband.com