



# SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND MUSIC

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT – VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR and APPLIED JAZZ VOICE TEACHER

University of Illinois Chicago

Part-time beginning August 2025

**The School of Theatre and Music (STM)** invites applications from qualified individuals to serve as a Vocal Jazz Ensemble Director and to teach applied lessons to jazz vocalists at the University of Illinois Chicago.

**Responsibilities** include directing and organizing the UIC Vocal Jazz Ensemble and providing instruction to students with a wide variety of musical backgrounds, including students enrolled in the BA in Music, BA in Music Business, BM in Jazz Studies, BM in Music Education, and BM in Music Performance degrees, as well as non-degree students from across campus. Determine repertoire, prepare, and lead the ensemble in four public concerts (two per semester), attend ensemble placement auditions for voice at the beginning of each semester, and arrange for any off-campus concert performances (optional). Teach applied lessons to jazz vocal students.

**Minimum qualifications** include a bachelor's degree plus five years of professional music and teaching experience, or 10 or more years of professional performance and teaching experience; proven excellence in the teaching of vocal jazz music; and a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion.

**Preferred qualifications** include a graduate degree in music; experience directing ensembles; teaching at the university level; and a record of successful student recruitment and development

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, applications should be received by **April 25, 2025**. Interested persons should submit as a single PDF document a copy of their curriculum vitae, phone and email contact information for two professional references, and a cover letter that briefly describes their guiding beliefs about teaching. Applicants should send materials and direct questions to Brent C. Talbot, head of music, at [btalbot@uic.edu](mailto:btalbot@uic.edu).

**About the University of Illinois Chicago:** UIC is among the nation's preeminent urban public research universities, a Carnegie RU/VH research institution, and the largest university in Chicago. UIC serves over 34,000 students, comprising one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, and is designated as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPSI) and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Through its 16 colleges, UIC offers nationally and internationally recognized multidisciplinary academic programs in concert with civic, corporate and community partners worldwide, including a full complement of health sciences colleges. By emphasizing cutting-edge and transformational research along with a commitment to the success of all students, UIC embodies the dynamic, vibrant, and engaged urban university. UIC has nearly 260,000 alumni and is one of the largest employers in the city of Chicago.

**The School of Theatre & Music** provides innovative, rigorous, and comprehensive academic and performance programs to a highly diverse student body. One of four units in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, STM enrolls over 250 undergraduate students who are taught by 30 full-time and 57 part-time faculty. The School offers coursework leading to a BA in Music, BA in Music Business, BM in Jazz Studies, BM in Music Education, BM in Music Performance, BFA in Acting, BA in Theatre and Performance, and BA in Theatre Design, Production, and Technology. Music ensembles include four choirs, two concert bands, two jazz ensembles, an orchestra, an athletic band, multiple chamber groups and jazz combos, a mariachi, gamelan, pop rock ensemble, and digital music ensemble, among others. For more information, go to [theatreandmusic.uic.edu](http://theatreandmusic.uic.edu).

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