

Vocal Coach, Young Artists Vocal Program

(Six-week position, July 5 - August 15, 2026)

Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) is recognized internationally as a premier summer training program for aspiring young musicians and is the only program of its kind associated with one of the world's great symphony orchestras. Under the guidance of distinguished professionals, and in the presence of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO), students are immersed in an atmosphere of extraordinary music making fueled by high artistic standards, rigorous programming, and a rich legacy of learning and performance.

Students are housed in five dormitory-style residences including a historic mansion on a sixty-four acre campus within walking distance of Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Lenox, Massachusetts (130 miles west of Boston). The residences house up to 260 students and approximately 30 staff members. Other facilities include classrooms, practice sheds, a dining hall, recreational facilities, and a performance theater.

The Program

The Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) Young Artists Vocal Program (YAVP), under the direction of Penelope Bitzas, nurtures and encourages the development of gifted young singers who wish to pursue professional studies and performance. The intensive and comprehensive curriculum is based on a conservatory model of training: one that develops all the essentials for healthy vocal technique, sensitive and informed musicianship, and convincing performance.

Responsibilities

The Vocal Coach is responsible for coaching student solo repertoire and opera scenes, performing in a variety of capacities, and attending all required events and meetings. Specific responsibilities include:

- Provide weekly, private coaching to assigned students (approximately 20-25)
- Coach and accompany assigned opera scenes rehearsals (approximate 4-5 scenes)
- Teach selected academic courses
- Accompany assigned students in recitals, master classes, voice classes, and opera scenes performances
- Accompany assigned personnel in opening Young Artists Vocal Program faculty recital

Qualifications

Ideal candidates possess the following qualities:

- Thorough knowledge of standard vocal literature
- Extensive accompanist experience
- Master's in Piano, Voice, Opera or commensurate professional experience
- Minimum 5 years teaching experience at advanced levels, ideally with this age group
- Enthusiasm for collaboration
- Excellent communication skills

Compensation includes salary, housing, one weekday lunch in the BUTI dining hall, and a Tanglewood Lawn Pass for the summer.

To apply, please submit the following to Ashley Moore, Manager of Education and Programming, at anmoore@bu.edu:

- 1. Artistic Resume/CV**
- 2. Audio and/or video clips of your performance and/or coaching**

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