

Longwell Green Orchestra has a vacancy for the post of Musical Director / Conductor

We therefore seek to recruit an enthusiastic and capable individual to motivate, inspire and encourage our members to continually improve, whilst maintaining the friendly and inclusive atmosphere of the orchestra.

About the orchestra

Longwell Green Community Orchestra is a friendly amateur orchestra that has been in existence since 1921. We rehearse every Thursday evening (19:30 – 21:30) at Longwell Green Community Centre, Shellards Road, Longwell Green, BS30 9DU. Although over the years the orchestra has undergone many changes its ethos remains the same – to play music to as high a standard as possible, to enhance, by encouragement players' technical and ensemble-playing skills and in doing so give pleasure to the local community and to benefit others via fundraising public concerts. The orchestra currently performs 4-6 concerts per year.

About the post

We are primarily looking for an individual to provide the orchestra with musical direction to develop its members and achieve the highest possible musical standards, while ensuring rehearsals and concerts are an enjoyable experience for all. Although previous experience of conducting is preferable, it is not essential. A musician looking to change direction would be equally welcome.

Key elements of the post are to:

- Conduct all rehearsals (subject to holiday commitments etc) and concerts
- Produce concert programmes and rehearsal schedules
- Advise and help source additional players for concerts where required to supplement member availability
- Advise on the selection of additional music to enhance the repertoire of the orchestra and develop the musical ability of our members
- Attend and actively participate in orchestra committee meetings and social events.

Ideally the successful candidate would possess and be able to demonstrate the following skills/attributes:

1. Ability to read and interpret orchestral score
2. Good communication skills and ability to empathise with members irrespective of their playing abilities.
3. Patience and a good sense of humour.
4. Enthusiasm and commitment and the ability to inspire the same in others

5. An interest in and knowledge of a wide range of orchestral music
6. Willingness to engage with audiences before and during concerts
7. Desire and ability to work with the orchestra committee
8. The ability to encourage, coach and motivate the orchestra

Application process

If this post is of interest please contact us by writing to:

Kate Clover, c/o 41 Tyler Close, Hanham, Bristol, BS15 9NG
or emailing Kate at kclover_79@hotmail.com

Please provide details of relevant experience, paying particular attention to points 1&2 above. It is important that you supply as much relevant information about yourself as you can as this will help us decide on whether to take your application further. Please also tell us when you would be available to take up the appointment.

The return deadline for applications is 30th November. We regret that we will be unable to consider any applications that are received after this date.

After due consideration by the committee we will invite successful candidates to attend an audition. These will take place in Longwell Green Community Centre in the presence of the full orchestra. Full details and dates will be provided to you at the time.

Data Protection.

Please note that any personal information you supply in support of your application will remain strictly confidential within the orchestra and will under no circumstances be divulged to any third party.

Note.

Longwell Green Orchestra has an Equal Opportunities Policy in relation to gender, age, sexual orientation, race, colour, creed, religion/non-religion or disability.
