



Horsley Choral Society

Appointment of Musical Director from 1st September 2025

Job Description, outline terms and application procedure

The Musical Director is responsible for the overall musical standard of the choir and preparing the choir for concerts, usually three each year. Principal responsibilities are -

- planning, and leading weekly rehearsals for concert performances
- conducting those concert performances and the preceding rehearsal
- preparing the choir to participate and compete in the Leith Hill Music Festival.
- providing an element of voice training and learning support as an integral part of rehearsals
- planning future concert programmes with at least a one-year horizon
- helping to formulate and work to an agreed budget on a concert-by-concert basis, within a yearly timeframe.
- recruiting orchestras, accompanists, and vocal soloists
- leading occasional singing workshops
- taking part in other ad hoc musical activities of the choir
- attending the Society's Annual General Meeting and HCS Committee meetings
- advising the committee and trustees on all musical matters

The successful applicant will be appointed on a self-employed basis and paid by way of rehearsal, concert and other ad hoc fees as agreed. Starting remuneration will be towards the upper end of the Central Range of fees as surveyed by 'Making Music' and fees will be reviewed annually. The initial contract will be of 3 years duration with a probationary period of 1 year.

Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview on 20th January 2025 and selected candidates will meet and have an opportunity to meet and conduct the choir in Saturday 1st February 2025. It is anticipated that subject to the receipt of satisfactory references, the appointment will then be made by the end of the month. The appointment will commence on 1st September 2025.

Applications should be by email to the HCS Secretary, John Stone, at Secretary@horselychoralsociety.com . All applications should be on the form available via our website and must be received by 3rd January 2025.

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