



Vacancy for the post of Music Director and Conductor, Newent Orchestral Society

The Newent Orchestral Society is seeking a suitably qualified and motivated individual to take up the position of Music Director of the Society, to start at a date agreed. The vacancy has arisen as a result of the retirement of our long-serving Music Director in 2021. The Society has been fortunate that our former leader of the orchestra was able to step in to act as interim Music Director but we are now seeking to make a more permanent arrangement. The Society is a venerable institution dating back to 1940 and has a long-serving, loyal membership and following of audiences. The Society has an ethos of accepting players from all backgrounds and abilities and sets the membership fee at a low level to encourage this. The new Music Director would be expected to operate in a manner fully to support this all-inclusive ethos.

Rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am till 12:00 pm in Newent, Gloucestershire, normally at the Newent Community Centre, but temporarily at the Community School until building works are complete at the Community Centre. Concerts are normally held twice a year at St Mary's Church in the town. Workshops, of 6 hours' duration are also held each year, at which players from outside the orchestra are invited to join us to perform some more challenging pieces. The orchestra's playing year generally runs from September to May or June.

Administratively, the Society is run by a committee, which normally meets about four times per year, and the Music Director would be expected to attend these meetings to provide advice and support, but with no entitlement to vote. The committee conducts its day-to-day business and contacts with members via email, so the Music Director is required to be contactable by email. The orchestra has a website and Facebook account which are used to publish our concerts and events and policies.

The Music Director will be responsible for the selection of the music to be played by the orchestra but will be expected to liaise with and take guidance from the committee on these selections and to obtain approval from the treasurer for purchases. The orchestra possesses a library of music, including some unusual occasional pieces, which should be considered for drawing upon as appropriate.

Additional information on the Society can be found on the orchestra's website at:
<https://www.newentorchestra.org/>.

The remuneration of the new Music Director would initially be set at the current level, which is £20 per hour, and normally payable in three instalments by Internet banking upon submission of an invoice at the end of each term. The Music Director will be engaged by the Society on a self-employed basis as an independent contractor and is therefore expected to account for his/her own income tax, Class 4 National Insurance contributions and VAT returns.

Applications, together with a CV, should be submitted to the secretary of the Society at the following email address: newentorchestra@gmail.com by 7 December 2022. Further information can also be obtained from this address. Interviews will be held at least one month later on a mutually convenient date.