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Musical Director York Symphony Orchestra

Applications are invited for the position of Musical Director of York Symphony Orchestra.

The **job description** is as follows:

To conduct and provide overall musical direction and education to York Symphony Orchestra. Rehearsals are held weekly during term-time, normally 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Mondays. There is always an additional rehearsal in the week of a concert (Thursday or Friday) plus a rehearsal on the afternoon of the concert.

To work closely with the orchestra leader in the provision of musical direction.

To work closely with the programming subcommittee in the annual planning of the future season's programmes. A complete list of pieces that the orchestra has performed is available from its website.

To advise on the engagement of appropriate soloists for the future programmes.

To advise on the fixing of additional players for specific pieces of music in specific concerts.

To advise on the fixing of additional instruments (piano, percussion, cor anglais, etc) for specific pieces of music in specific concerts.

This is not a professional position but an honorarium is payable termly to cover expert and educational musical guidance. Reasonable additional expenses may be claimed at the discretion of the orchestra Chair and Treasurer.

The post has a fixed term of three years, is approved annually at the Annual General Meeting and the three year term is renewable with the agreement of all parties. The honorarium is revised at the AGM at the end of each three year term.

The **application process** is as follows:

Covering letter and CV to the Chair of YSO, to whom all queries must be addressed. The covering letter must include examples of pieces that the applicant would like to conduct with the YSO.

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2017.

Shortlisted applicants will have a brief interview, either in person or by telephone. Selected applicants will be asked to have a trial rehearsal with the orchestra sometime during January-March 2018.

Applicants must be available to conduct the concerts with provisional dates of Sunday 2 Dec 2018, Saturday 23 March 2019, Sunday 30 June 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Sykes

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