



## Conductor for Capel Choral Society Job Description

The Conductor works in partnership with the Committee of Capel Choral Society (CCS)

### **Purpose:**

- To achieve the optimum performance from the choir by developing singing and performing ability at rehearsals and concerts.
- To develop musical understanding and appreciation among the choir and its audiences.
- To advise and assist the Committee in the artistic direction of Capel Choral Society.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- To conduct, inspire, motivate and teach the choir in all its musical activities.
- To achieve the highest possible musical standards both at rehearsals and concerts consistent with the Society's musical and financial resources.
- To direct musical rehearsals in preparation for the choir's entry into the annual Leith Hill Musical Festival (LHMF) held in April. [www.lhmf.org.uk](http://www.lhmf.org.uk)
- To attend LHMF combined rehearsals (3) where possible and also LHMF General Committee meetings in an ex-officio capacity.
  - To rehearse and direct Christmas and Summer and any other concerts.
- To schedule, prepare and lead weekly rehearsals in Capel Memorial Hall on Monday evenings 7.45-9.45pm.
- To work productively with the Society's professional accompanist.
- To assist the Society, if so requested, with the provision of scores and orchestral parts.
- To make recommendations to the Committee for the Christmas and Summer programme of music outlining orchestra and soloist requirements and taking into account the financial implications, budget and demands of each season.
- To attend such meetings of the Committee and the LHMF General Committee in an ex-officio capacity as the Committee may reasonably request.
- Ability to lead rehearsals from the piano for split voice rehearsals.
- Present a review of the year, in performance terms, at the AGM.

**You should be:**

- An accomplished musician
- Able to demonstrate an understanding of and ability to impart vocal technique
- Able to motivate and inspire a mix of abilities
- Able to deliver exciting and enjoyable rehearsals to a high musical standard
- A good communicator
- Well organised

**You should have experience of:**

- Working with amateur choirs
- Working with professional instrumentalists (desirable)
- Planning choir programmes
- Working with a committee

If reading this has caught your interest and you feel up to the challenge, please get in touch with us for more information, or apply directly by submitting:

- Your CV with full details of your musical qualifications and experience.
- A letter explaining your motivation for applying and how you would see your role as Conductor of Capel Choral Society.
- Details of two referees who can vouch for your professional musical work.

Candidates who are short-listed will be invited to interview, and asked to take a 30 minutes rehearsal with the choir at a date to be arranged during May 2018.

Please send or email your application to:

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