Vacancy Type: Music Director /Conductor

Conductor/Music Director

Application deadline: 27/11/2026

Description of vacancy:

The Oriel Singers – one of the oldest extant Choral societies in Liverpool – are offering the opportunity for a new musical director to to help prepare us for and celebrate our 50th year. The position would begin in early January 2027.

The central task of the musical director will be to plan and prepare for programming for the choir's 3 to 5 concerts a year. This will involve a weekly two hour evening rehearsal between 7 and 9 pm in Wavertree, South Liverpool – note that we do not have a separate rehearsal accompanist and the director should have sufficient keyboard skills to fulfil this role as needed. The choir has a dedicated committee who will support the musical director on communication, planning and logistics.

The choir have members with a wide range of abilities and experience but we are all adept readers of music, some of whom sing in church and cathedral choirs across the city and beyond. We currently have a membership of about 20 and are very eager to grow that over the course of the music director's tenure. To ensure we maintain a welcoming atmosphere new members are currently auditioned by rehearsal – anyone may attend a rehearsal or two to gauge whether they are comfortable with the level of performance expected of them.

Our past repertoire has covered all periods of choral writing, and we welcome a musical director with ambitions to grow the choir in terms of repertoire as well as size and audience reach. We would also be eager for the director to help us maintain and grow strong relationships with other musical groups in the city, developing collaborations for larger and more ambitious projects such as our recent staging of Haydn's Creation with the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra and University of Liverpool Chamber Choir.

Candidates will be contacted by 3/12/26 for interviews to be held the week beginning 10/12/26, followed by a choir audition which will be scheduled in early January.

More information about the Oriel Singers can be found on our website https://orielsingers.org/ or our Facebook account https://www.facebook.com/OrielSingers.

For more details about the post, email the Oriel Singers Chair Matt Bright at mattbright1974@gmail.com

To apply, please send a curriculum vitae and cover letter, including contact details for at least one of the organisations you have previously worked with, to the same address.