**Orchestra Leader Job Description**

Application deadline:

Saturday, 30th November 2024

**Background**

The orchestra was founded in 1974, and this year is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. It is a high-level full size amateur symphony orchestra that serves the Wyre Forest area.

It rehearses each Wednesday evening (during term time) from 7 30 pm to 9 30 pm at Trinity Methodist Church Kidderminster. We present three concerts per year in the local area.

We have a professional Conductor and like any community orchestra, we have a mix of abilities, with some very strong players (including semi-pro or retired professionals), some less experienced players, and all levels in between. We are an entirely privately-run community orchestra and currently have 50+ members.

Although we are an amateur organisation, we strive to maintain a good performance standard and take a professional approach to the running of the orchestra and quality of concert performances.

**Position**  
Leader.

AVAILABILITY  
From January 2025

FEE  
Approx £600 per term (3 x 12-week terms a year) IE. £50 per rehearsal

Concert day fee £120 per day

All on self-employed basis

Full term and concert dates for 2025 can be found at www.wfso.org.uk /rehearsals.

**Job Requirements**

Our expectations of a Leader are:

• A confident, accomplished, professional-level violinist

• Excellent sight-reading ability

• Experience of leading an orchestra and comfortable working with adult amateur musicians

• Competent in advising on technical and aesthetic challenges

• Genuine enthusiasm and a shared appreciation of classical music and associated genres

• A good communicator with an authoritative, yet positive and friendly manner

**Person Specification**

We are looking for a Leader who:

• Is committed, reliable and punctual

• Will attend all rehearsals and concert performances

• Will communicate with the string section leaders and advise the string ensemble throughout the rehearsal process. Will also work with the conductor to raise the standard of ensemble playing and achieve best possible performances.

• Will take a diligent and proactive approach with regard to bowings for all first and second violin parts. They should be in place ready for the first rehearsal each term.

• Will prepare and confidently lead termly string sectional rehearsals without the presence of the Conductor

• Is energetic, with an ability to motivate non-professional players to improve their standard of performance and enjoyment of music-making

• Has knowledge of a wide range of repertoire and able to offer advice and suggestions with regards to repertoire selection in line with the standard and abilities of the orchestra. Will attend Committee meetings (two to three per year) (not a paid event)

• Will liaise with the Conductor and Chaiman, in person and by email, for the smooth running of rehearsals and concert performances

• Will give sufficient notice for any planned absences

More information from and applications to

[www.wfso.org](http://www.wfso.org)

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