



Musical Director Vacancy

ABOUT AYLESBURY CONCERT BAND

Made up of enthusiastic amateur players from Aylesbury and the surrounding areas, Aylesbury Concert Band is a wind band serving the community of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, England.

The band performs several concerts throughout the year as well as at civic occasions, such as the Mayor's Carol Service each Christmas. As well as providing music for fêtes in the summer, Aylesbury Concert Band performs the annual "Proms in the Park", part of Parklife Weekend, to an audience of thousands of people.

The band rehearses Wednesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.45pm, 51 weeks a year in Aylesbury and concerts and other events take place during the year.

THE ROLE

The Musical Director (MD) will lead the artistic development of the band in line with its aspirations with particular reference to musical and performance quality. The appointment will be for a period of 3 years, after which time it will be open to review by both parties.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To be responsible for the future development of the band

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare, rehearse and conduct the band in weekly Wednesday rehearsals, ensuring that all music is delivered in the required formats in a timely manner to meet rehearsal and concert schedules.
- Devise and run practical and timely rehearsal schedules.
- Establish good, effective working relationships with key band members - notably Assistant Musical Director (AMD), Chairman, Secretary and librarians.
- Conduct the concert band at public performances and special events.
- Create well balanced concert programmes to suit individual audiences in co-operation with the AMD.
- Ensure that the concert programme and repertoire changes throughout the year, without detriment to the band's performance.

- Liaise with the chairman and AMD to ensure that at times of absence, rehearsals and engagements can be covered appropriately.
- Lead and inspire the members towards high musical standards.
- Purchase of new music within the financial constraints of the band as defined by the committee.
- Review and determine repertoire in consultation with the committee.
- Maintain band discipline during rehearsals and concerts with the assistance of the committee and AMD.
- Ensure personal dress and conduct at concerts is of the highest standard, consistent with the professional image and reputation the band enjoys.
- Liaise with the committee and AMD in preparation of concerts to agree dates of availability, plan the programme, arrange staging and publicity.

REQUIRED ABILITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- A thorough knowledge of concert band repertoire is essential.
- An excellent level of personal musicianship with an appropriate musical qualification.
- Motivational skills and experience of working with players with differing experience and ability.
- Experience as a conductor desirable.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Applications are welcomed from all candidates who believe they can meet the requirements of the post. In the first instance, a letter of application with Curriculum Vitae should be sent by email to chairman@aylesburyband.org

Applications should be made to reach the band by **29th November 2019**.

The committee will compile a shortlist of candidates. Candidates who are shortlisted for audition will be invited to conduct one half of a rehearsal in January. All applicants will be informed prior to 19th December if they have been shortlisted or not.

The audition will last for 45 minutes, and during this time the auditionee may wish to allow up to 10 minutes to discuss their ideas for the future progress and direction of the Band and/or invite questions from the Band.

A final decision will be made by the band following the last audition and shortlisted candidates will be informed thereafter of the outcome.

It is hoped for the newly appointed Musical Director to conduct the rehearsals from February onwards.