



# Derby Concert Orchestra

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## Assistant Conductor Vacancy

The DCO is looking for an assistant to work with its long-established conductor Jonathan Trout. The orchestra, which was founded in 1949, is well-established and highly respected across the East Midlands. It has a core membership of 60 players and an eclectic & ambitious repertoire. As well as the standard repertoire performances have included:

- Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
- Mahler: Symphony no 6
- Elgar: Violin Concerto
- Weir: The welcome arrival of rain
- Grime: Two Eardley Pictures

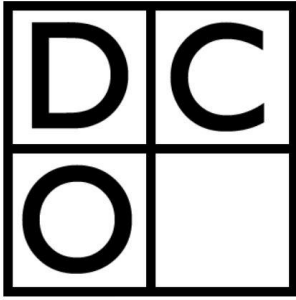
The orchestra works with a wide range of soloists, local and national, and has given many advanced students the opportunity to perform major concertos as a step to establishing their professional career.

The orchestra performs five or six concerts each year in various locations in Derbyshire, including Derby Cathedral & St Mary's Church in Wirksworth. It rehearses on a Monday evening in Derby.

The assistant conductor would support Jonathan in arranging programmes and rehearsal schedules. The successful applicant would initially be asked to conduct two concerts a year and may also occasionally be asked to take other ad hoc rehearsals.

Any person appointed to the post would need to be able to commit to attending all rehearsals for the concerts which they will conduct. Rehearsals are held weekly on Mondays in Derby at St Benedict's school, from 7-15 to 9-30, Friday evening before the concert and Saturday afternoon on the day of the concert.

Our ideal candidate would already have significant experience of conducting orchestras of a similar standard and must be able to communicate effectively with our dedicated players.



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Applications should be made in writing by email to [derbyconcertorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:derbyconcertorchestra@gmail.com) before 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023. There is no set application form, but we would expect that applications will include a statement of experience and the names of two referees. If you would like an informal chat or wish to discuss any aspect of this application process, please contact Matt Byrne (Leader) on 07710 462 653 in the first instance.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview in January and would then be asked to take a rehearsal with the orchestra in early February 2023, with the successful candidate being appointed for the start of the 2023-24 season in September 2023, initially for a one-year probationary period and then on a permanent basis. An honorarium will be payable.

If you want to find more about the orchestra and its work please visit our website <https://www.derbyconcertorchestra.co.uk/about.html>.

Ideally we are looking for someone to build a future with. We see this as a long term relationship.