

## *Escafeld Chorale - Music Director*

Escafeld Chorale (Sheffield) is looking for a new Music Director to succeed Nigel Russell-Sewell, who is taking up a new post in Newcastle following our concert in March 2022. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings throughout school term-time at Banner Cross, Sheffield S11. We normally perform three concert programmes each year, from a wide and expanding range of [choral works](#).

Recently we gave two Christmas concerts, our first since the Covid-19 lockdown. Our wide-ranging repertoire includes such varied music as Rossini's *Petite Messe solonelle*, Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, Haydn's *Nelson Mass*, Rutter's *Magnificat* and Elgar's *The Music Makers*, as well as various shorter items such as Eric Whitacre's 'Hebrew Love Songs', and selections from *Les Miserables* and *West Side Story*. More details on the [Previous concerts](#) page.

The Music Director plans and conducts rehearsals, develops the choir's repertoire and choral skills, and arranges concert programmes

The choir is mixed voice and has about 60 members. We do not formally audition, but prospective members undergo a probationary period in which their abilities are assessed informally as a condition of their being allowed to join. We like to improve our standards further, and work at a varied, often demanding, repertoire for the fulfilment that it offers. We employ a proficient accompanist, but if the Music Director also has keyboard skills that would be valuable.

We have a particular interest in supporting young musicians and each year we appoint an [Associate Soloist](#), who performs in our concerts and participates in their planning. We also hope to re-introduce our use of instrumental ensembles in concerts.

The Music Director works in collaboration with the Committee, and attends its meetings. The post is remunerated and is paid per session and per concert, on a self-employed basis.

Further details about the choir are available on our [website](#) and the job and person specification for the post of Music Director can be found [here](#).

### **Closing date for applications: 23 February 2022**

Please email your CV, a letter of application, and the names and contact details of two referees to our Secretary at [secretary1@escafeldchorale.org.uk](mailto:secretary1@escafeldchorale.org.uk) We will contact shortlisted candidates in early March.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to meet the choir after 19 March 2022, to conduct a rehearsal and to be formally interviewed.

Prospective applicants, who will be expected to provide evidence of a sound musical background, experience and skills, are welcome to contact our Chair, Brenda Long, on 07817 205846 (or by email via [secretary1@escafeldchorale.org.uk](mailto:secretary1@escafeldchorale.org.uk)) for further information.