

BRISTOL CONCERT ORCHESTRA

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST: String Section Leaders

APPOINTED BY: Conductor and Leader

RESPONSIBLE TO: Conductor and Leader

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Assess the playing qualities of the section members. Working with the Conductor (and also the Leader, in the case of the second violins), place section members at a suitable desk with a view to obtaining the best possible performance from the section.
- 2) For each concert, identify any extra players required, discussing suitability with the Leader and Conductor if needed. If any fees / expenses are payable, inform the Treasurer at least two weeks prior to the concert.
- 3) Distribute the music to the designated players/groups; retain signing sheets and any spare music; and collect the music at the end of the concert.
- 4) Work with the Leader to agree the bowing of the section's parts; ensure that all the desks have copied the bowing into their parts.
- 5) Work with the Conductor and Leader at full and sectional rehearsals on musical technique and interpretation.
- 6) Assess the playing qualities and competence of potential new members.
- 7) Work with the Conductor and Leader to enhance the long-term technical and artistic development of the orchestra.
- 8) Offer general advice and assistance to the Conductor and Leader on all matters pertaining to the musical conduct of the BCO.

This Job Description is not an exhaustive list of duties, but is intended to give a general indication of the range of work required of the post holder.

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