



Heart of England Singers

Vacancy for a Musical Director

September 2023

Heart of England Singers, a registered charity, is an enthusiastic group of amateur SATB singers who meet weekly during term time in Marston Green, Birmingham. Membership does not require an audition.

Applications are invited for the post of Musical Director commencing September 2023. We are seeking a very special Conductor/Musical Director to lead us in the next chapter of our story.

You will be someone who:

- Wants to lead a group of singers in exciting repertoire choices and interesting concerts, which will satisfy your creativity as well as theirs.
- Knows about the voice and is able to develop the choir's sound in innovative ways.
- Is able to teach music effectively to a mixed group, catering for the non-reader as well as the more capable, ideally developing reading skills and musicianship
- Is able to conduct the choir in an engaging way and knows how to encourage the singers to connect with their audience
- Realises that laughing and having fun when rehearsing is the best way to learn.

Rehearsals are on a Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Baptist Free Church, Land Lane, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7DE.

The choir gives four concerts per year: the Easter and November concerts typically feature more serious repertoire while the summer concert is lighter in style. The December carol concert has a varied programme of choral items, audience carols and seasonal readings.

The choir currently has 40 members. The choir has a committee, led by a supportive Chair, to facilitate the organisation of the choir; and the MD/conductor forms part of that committee. There are approximately six meetings a year.

If you are interested in this opportunity or would like further information please contact the Chair, Karen Moulton, at moulton.k@icloud.com

Your applications must include a CV and details of two referees with an accompanying letter highlighting:

- Your experience
- Why you feel you are suited
- Why you would like the role.

Closing date for applications is 9.00am Friday 30th June.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an interview on Monday 10th July, when they will also be given 30 minutes to rehearse with the choir. Rates of pay are based on advised rates from Making Music, to which the choir is affiliated.

A DBS check will be required of any candidate before the appointment is confirmed.