



St MAGNUS
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FESTIVAL CHORUS DIRECTOR

Orkney's annual midsummer Arts Festival is looking for a Director for its Festival Chorus. The Chorus works annually towards a large-scale Festival concert with weekly rehearsals beginning in February.

The Festival is looking for a musician with experience or an interest in working with a large-scale chorus.

Each year St Magnus Festival Chorus gives a large-scale performance within the Festival, usually accompanied by a visiting professional orchestra. The Festival Chorus Director is responsible for all the musical preparation of the chosen musical work leading to a handover to the orchestra's conductor during the Festival period. Rehearsals take place once a week on Monday evenings in King Street Halls, Kirkwall starting in February of each year. The Festival Chorus also works with the Orkney Conductors' Course during the Festival in a workshop situation based on that year's repertoire. The Festival Chorus concerts are regularly broadcast.

The Chorus Director is also responsible for organising the printed music and rehearsal pianists in liaison with the Festival Administration.

St Magnus International Festival is looking for a dynamic leader for this non-auditioned amateur chorus with relevant musical experience and a willingness to work towards a handover. The Director must be available for weekly rehearsals in the lead up to the annual Festival with an increased commitment in the festival period itself being present at all chorus rehearsals.

A modest honorarium will be paid to the Festival Chorus Director.

Application by letter indicating experience and interest in the post should be sent by 17th November to the Festival Office, 13 Albert Street, Kirkwall KW15 1HP or via email to aldasair.nicolson@stmagnusfestival.com