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Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra seeks a new conductor for September 2025

The Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra, one of the UK's foremost amateur orchestras, is looking to appoint a new conductor from September 2025 following the announcement by Leon Gee to step down after 18 years as conductor of the orchestra.

The Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra comprises talented players from across the Thames Valley. Normal membership is around 65 players, with a full complement of wind, brass and timpanist, and willing extra players as required for concerts. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Hurst, central Berkshire, during term time.

We perform three main concerts a year within the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and district: around mid-November, mid-March (both Saturday evenings) and late June (Sunday afternoon, family-orientated), plus a short Christmas concert for the children at the school where we rehearse. In addition, we give occasional chamber concerts or performances for local music festivals, and run an annual Young Musician Concerto Competition.

Since our founding just over 50 years ago, the WMSO has performed most of the giants of the orchestral repertoire, as well as the major symphonies and concertos and a number of modern works too. We combine with local choral societies every two years for a large-scale choral concert.

We are looking for a skilled, ambitious and motivating conductor to continue our exciting journey.

Conductor's fees are currently £150 per rehearsal and £585 for the concert day: approximately £6,255 per year including travel. Fees are reviewed annually.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 28th February 2025**.

Further information and application details are available on www.wmso.org.uk or contact the WMSO secretary Katharine Henson on secretary@wmso.org.uk

For an informal discussion about the position please contact Chairman Frances Jones on 0118 926 8598 or chairman@wmso.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Frances Jones. Chairman, Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra

