

# Spring Into Conducting

## Robert Houlihan

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026

Da Capo Academy of Performing Arts, Jersey

## ***The conductor must have the score in his/her head, and not his/her head in the score - Sir Adrian Boult***

An immersive residential experience in the heart of Jersey, directed by renowned conductor Robert Houlihan. Designed for aspiring and developing conductors aged 18 and above, the course provides intensive practical training in baton technique, rehearsal skills, score preparation, aural development, and orchestral leadership.

### Special Features

- **Sunday Evening Welcome Event:** meet faculty and fellow participants in a relaxed setting.
- **Final Day Open Rehearsal:** the course culminates in a public-style rehearsal, giving participants the opportunity to share their work.
- Progress from working with a pianist to **conducting ensembles**.

### What's Included?

- Full board accommodation (for resident categories)
- Daily meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- All repertoire materials and score-reading sessions
- Aural and technique sessions
- Ensemble sessions with string quartet and wind quintet
- Social activities with fellow musicians
- Tuition from Robert Houlihan and faculty team

### Fees

- **£969** (full residential participant)
- For non-residential and observer rates, please see website

### Robert Houlihan

Irish conductor Robert Houlihan has directed orchestras, opera companies, and youth ensembles across Europe and beyond. He is widely respected both as a conductor and as a teacher, with a reputation for clarity, insight, and generosity in working with young musicians and professionals alike. Robert has led conducting courses internationally and brings a wealth of experience in core orchestral repertoire, rehearsal techniques, and the development of individual artistic style.

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