Forged in Sheffield
Community Season

Sheffield University Wind Orchestra - Conductor
The Department of Music is one of the largest and most vibrant academic music departments in the UK, covering musicology, performance, ethnomusicology, composition, psychology of music, music education and music technology. It is also one of the strongest in research, ranking 6th in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, in which 84% of research was deemed “world-leading” or “internationally excellent”.

University of Sheffield Concerts is a stand-alone programme which complements and expands on the strengths of the Department. A Sheffield destination for musical discovery, learning, and participation, it combines eclectic programming, internationally renowned performers, and creative learning opportunities in a dynamic music event series aimed at diverse city audiences. Promoting 100 concerts annually it features dedicated programmes towards world, roots and folk music (Global Soundtracks), new and contemporary classical music (Sound Laboratory), classical chamber music and art song (SongMakers) and a community programme dedicated to student opportunities and work with children and young people (Forged in Sheffield).

For more information visit: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/music](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/music) or [www.sheffield.ac.uk/concerts](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/concerts)

Department of Music Ensembles provide opportunities for students across the whole University to participate, the outputs of which make a significant contribution towards the University and city's cultural life and vibrancy. Around 150 students a year participate in ensemble music making, featuring students from all University faculties. Alongside their prominent place performing regularly in University of Sheffield Concerts' Forged in Sheffield Season, Department of Music Ensembles feature in outreach and education events, civic occasions, tour internationally, and participate in national competitions. Department of Music Ensembles also champion creative application beyond ensemble participation, providing sustained opportunities for developing soloists, conductors and composers.

Sheffield University Wind Orchestra is an auditioned and aspirational symphonic wind orchestra made up of around 60 musicians. A dynamic and award-winning ensemble it aims to give high quality ensemble experience and development opportunities within a fun environment to its members. It seeks to introduce players and audiences to exciting core nineteenth and twentieth century repertoire and an ever growing list of innovative works written by living composers. With access to an extensive music library, and partnership with a committed and enthusiastic student committee, Sheffield University Wind Orchestra prides itself in being one of the University's most active and diverse ensembles.

For more information visit: [www.suwoshef.co.uk](http://www.suwoshef.co.uk)
Title: Sheffield University Wind Orchestra – Conductor
Reports to: Concerts Director
Commencement Date: 01 September 2018
Period: Ongoing - subject to a review after first year

Hours/Time Commitment:

1 x audition session per year (4 hours in September)
16 x weekly rehearsals (2 hours one evening a week)
2 x concerts per year (6 hours on Saturday or Sunday including rehearsal time on the day)

Fee: £1900 per year

We are seeking an enthusiastic music professional with experience in leading and conducting large instrumental ensembles. Working alongside a small student committee you will artistically programme and direct two concerts a year and regular weekly rehearsals. It will be your task to create a fun, enjoyable working environment conducive towards supporting high quality music making. A working knowledge of symphonic wind band repertoire is essential, as is good understanding of instruments and their capabilities. This is a self-employed/freelance brief. The holder of this brief will need to be creative, have good communication and organisational skills, and an ability to lead, inspire and work collaboratively with young developing musicians.

**MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Artistically programme repertoire for concerts in view to broaden the musical boundaries for players and to sustain and increase audiences
- Prepare and lead weekly rehearsals to train and develop the orchestra
- Encourage and support student performers, facilitating their continual musical development and ability to contributes towards the ensemble
- Work closely with the Wind Orchestra Student Committee and Concerts Team to ensure effective administration and organisation of rehearsals and concerts
- Attend occasional Ensemble Committee meetings to support concert and rehearsal planning
**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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<td>Good experience of leading a large instrumental ensemble</td>
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<td>Experience of leading a wind orchestra or symphonic wind band</td>
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<td>Experience of working with young developing musicians</td>
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<td>Excellent conducting technique to provide musical leadership to a large number of musicians</td>
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<td>Good knowledge of symphonic wind band/ orchestra repertoire and a good understanding of instruments and their capabilities</td>
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<td>Ability to select repertoire to develop imaginative concert programmes that are challenging, develops players, and is appealing to audiences</td>
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<td>Good ability to communicate effectively and get the best out of young developing musicians</td>
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<td>Good organisational skills to structure rehearsals to make effective and efficient use of limited rehearsal time</td>
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**Application Process**

To apply for this self-employed freelance position please send an up-to-date copy of your CV and a detailed covering letter outlining your suitability for the position, marked for the attention of the Concerts Director Stewart Campbell to concerts@sheffield.ac.uk

Deadline for applications is **Monday 23 April 2018** at 12:00.

Short-listed candidates will be invited to an interview on the afternoon of Thursday 03 May and to participate in a short audition with the orchestra later on that evening.

Please direct any enquiries to: **concerts@sheffield.ac.uk**