ANNOUNCEMENT
Conducting Scholarship 2021–22

Homerton College would like to appoint a Conducting Scholar for the academic year 2021–22. This is a new award, open to all current student members of College as well as those holding an offer to begin studying here in autumn 2021 who have an interest in learning orchestral conducting.

No prior conducting experience is necessary, although candidates’ potential will be taken into consideration.

The value of the scholarship is £300 per annum, plus an additional grant for conducting lessons and – for students studying subjects other than Music – another grant for instrumental lessons. Where possible, the Conducting Scholar will be provided with a digital piano in their college room. The scholarship will be awarded for one year in the first instance, but may be extended for a subsequent year with the agreement of both parties.

Further particulars:

The Conducting Scholar

- will be the official conductor for the Homerton College Orchestra (which currently performs twice a year in end-of-term concerts organised by the student-led Homerton College Music Society (HCMS));
- will work with HCMS's Orchestral Manager to devise a rehearsal timetable, choose repertoire, and fix players;
- is expected to promote music at Homerton more generally, especially by encouraging talented instrumentalists at Homerton to participate in the College Orchestra, and also by exploring opportunities for other orchestral performances throughout the year;
- will automatically, for as long as (s)he is the recipient of the scholarship, hold a position on the HCMS Committee;
- is required to take regular conducting lessons with a suitably qualified teacher, and is also encouraged to take instrumental lessons (both paid out of the lessons grants);
- should pursue other conducting experiences within Homerton, the University, and beyond (for example, trying some choral conducting, or entering conducting competitions).

Appointment will be by audition at the end of September. At the audition, candidates will be required to conduct a short excerpt of music, and will be given some sight-reading exercises.

Those interested in applying are invited to register their interest with the Director of Music, Dr Daniel Trocmé-Latter (dt267@cam.ac.uk).

Closing date for registering interest: Sunday 19 September
Provisional date for auditions: Monday 27 September

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