



Chair recruitment 2024

The London Euphonia Orchestra, a registered charity, is seeking a hands-on and dynamic individual to serve as Chair of the organisation. This pivotal role is integral to championing the orchestra and helping guide its evolution into the next phase of development. We are looking for someone who shares our passion for classical music, will embrace LEO's values, and will dedicate themselves to realising our vision.

The role of Chair of the London Euphonia Orchestra presents valuable opportunities: gaining experience in strategic management and leadership; networking with international musicians and stakeholders across diverse fields; shaping the amateur orchestra sector at a pivotal time; and demonstrating dedication to the arts and charity sector.

About the London Euphonia Orchestra

Founded in 2012 and based in the City of London, the London Euphonia Orchestra strives to promote the education and appreciation of classical music by providing a platform for members to perform live orchestral concerts to the community. We are a full-sized symphonic orchestra that includes high-level amateur musicians and a number of professional musicians in the early stages of their careers.

The London Euphonia Orchestra performs three concerts annually and also hosts workshops throughout the year. We offer development opportunities for emerging professional musicians to lead orchestra sections and share professional expertise.

LEO works with educational projects within local communities and established charities on fundraising campaigns. We regularly partner with international and emerging soloists and have collaborated with composers to premiere new works.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the prospects for amateur orchestral music-making in London. While we take pride in what we've achieved so far, we're motivated to explore new avenues for growth and impact.



What we need from you, our new Chair

Essential experience and skills

- **Passion for Music:** A genuine love for classical music and a deep appreciation of its cultural significance in orchestral music making.
- **Integrity and Leadership:**
 - Demonstrable honesty, integrity, and ethical conduct.
 - Effective communication abilities to represent the charity publicly and internally.
- **Strategic Leadership Experience:**
 - Strong organisational and decision-making skills.
 - Ability to inspire trustees, committee members, and musicians, while working collaboratively.
 - Track record of leading and delivering the strategic planning of organisations.
- **Risk Management:** Ability to assess and manage risks to the reputation, finances, and operations of a nonprofit organisation like LEO.
- **Fundraising, Networking and Relationship Building:**
 - Demonstrated advocacy on behalf of an organisation or sector.
 - Proven capacity to cultivate relationships with donors, sponsors, and other stakeholders in the public and/or private sector.
 - Understanding of financial management and fundraising strategies
- **Commitment:** Willingness to dedicate time and energy to the role.

Essential knowledge

- **Corporate and Charity Governance Principles:** Understanding of best practices in corporate and charity governance, including legal and regulatory requirements, ethical standards, and board governance principles.
- **Financial Literacy:** Proficiency in financial management, including budgeting, financial reporting, and fundraising strategies. Ability to ensure sound financial stewardship of the organisation's resources and support its long-term sustainability.

Desirable experience and skills

- Board membership experience in the not-for-profit sector.
- Experience in the cultural sector, knowledge of government support for the arts.
- Strategic planning skills for diversity and inclusion.
- Advocacy skills and relationship building with key stakeholders.



What the Chair will be expected to do:

Role objectives

- **Provide Leadership to the Committee:**
Lead the Committee of the London Euphonia Orchestra, ensuring effective governance and adherence to its responsibilities. Oversee the functioning of the Committee, ensuring regular meetings, fulfilment of legal requirements, and effective communication among trustees. Facilitate discussions and decision-making processes to support the realisation of the orchestra's vision.
- **Committee Engagement:**
Support the work of standing committees and working groups, facilitating collaboration and decision-making processes.
- **Develop and Deliver Vision and Strategy:**
Collaborate with the Committee to develop and implement the orchestra's vision, including refining a strategic plan. Work closely with trustees to align objectives and priorities with the orchestra's mission.
- **Ambassadorship and Relationship Building:**
Act as an ambassador for the London Euphonia Orchestra, fostering positive external relationships that reinforce LEO's objectives and enhance funding opportunities from diverse sources. Represent the orchestra in various settings to promote its mission and values.
- **Time Commitment and Expectations:**
The Chair is expected to commit up to 10 days per year. This includes participation in Committee meetings (online) and regular communication with Committee members, as well as the preparation for such commitments. All trustees, including the Chair, are encouraged to attend London Euphonia concerts and workshops.

Term

The London Euphonia Orchestra is seeking a Chair for an initial term of one year, with the possibility of renewal for further terms annually.

Remuneration

The role of the Chair is not accompanied by any financial remuneration.



How to apply

Please email your CV and cover letter to info@londoneuphonia.com. You may also direct any questions to the same email address.

We are an equal opportunities organisation committed to diversity and treating all members, trustees, and our audiences with dignity and respect regardless of background.

The closing date for applications is 19th May 2024. Interviews will be conducted online during the week commencing 26th May 2024.