



Halifax Concert Band Musical Director

This is an exciting role for an enthusiastic Musical Director working with an adult concert band with a range of abilities. You will be an inspiring and engaging leader with an excellent knowledge of Concert Band repertoire, keen to work with the committee to develop a broad and varied programme of music for the ensemble to rehearse and perform at concerts ensuring that you maintain and further the high musical standards of the band. The position is not a salaried one, but an honorarium is paid which is agreed by committee and reviewed yearly.

Halifax Concert Band is a full-sized concert band based in Yorkshire, that comprises of woodwind, brass and percussion players. Since the band was formed it has only had 2 conductors the first spending 17 years and the current spending 22 years with the band. The band is self-supporting and all of its players give their time and services for free. Even though the ability of members in the band varies, we do have some very experienced players (we request ability of Grade 5 or above upon joining), all band members are determined to reach the highest standards. We play a wide range of music including: stage, film and television music, arrangements of popular music, marches and some novelty numbers (featuring different sections or members of the band).

Rehearsals are held weekly on a Thursday evening 8:00pm till 9:30pm at Savile Park Primary School, Halifax with additional dates for concerts, events and CD Recordings.

If you wish to be considered for an interview, please send your CV with a supporting statement (1000 words maximum) outlining how you would meet the below criteria for this role by 14/10/2018 to hcbcommittee@gmail.com

Successful candidates will be invited for an interview with a select committee initially and if shortlisted will be asked to lead part of a rehearsal. Dates to be confirmed but will be Thursday evenings. The position is to start January 2019 and formal offer of the post will be subject to a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.

If you have any questions about the role please contact the committee using the above email address. More information about the band can also be found at www.halifaxconcertband.co.uk

Please see next page for the Essential and Desirable Criteria.

Essential	Desirable
Must have ability as a conductor, previous conducting experience is helpful but not necessarily essential if the ability can be demonstrated.	The ability to compere concerts.
Must be an enthusiastic leader with excellent communication skills and very knowledgeable in Concert Band repertoire (by playing or conducting).	The ability to transpose or arrange parts as necessary.
Must create a solid and friendly rapport with musicians and demonstrate awareness of, and sensitivity to the demands of a community band with a wide range of ages and abilities, including some very experienced musicians.	Review potential new music prior to subsequent purchase with committee approval.
Plan for and take weekly rehearsals to maintain and further the high musical standards of the band.	
Plan concert programmes in sufficient time prior to a concert, ensuring that the repertoire is suitable and produce rehearsal schedules and memos for the band on the run up to these digitally (i.e. email or word processor).	
Advise the committee on a range of musical matters including sign-up for concerts and if guest musicians will be needed to ensure balance.	
Attend committee meetings and prepare a report for each.	