

The position of Accompanist

Arun Choral Society seeks a new rehearsal accompanist from October 2017.

The society is seeking a talented rehearsal accompanist to take over from our current accompanist, Julie Mackrill, who is retiring after just over 20 years with the choir. The role offers the opportunity to help to prepare the choir for a stimulating repertoire of concerts, and the possibility of playing organ, piano or harpsichord in performances. The post will involve working with our newly appointed Musical Director Joe Paxton and Assistant Musical Director Ian Stearn.

About Arun Choral Society

Arun Choral Society was founded in 1912 as a charitable trust and has currently 90 members. Throughout the year we perform 2 major concerts, one in the spring term and one in autumn. In June or July we try to be part of a charity concert to raise funds for local and national charities.

At Christmas we hold 2 carol concerts on consecutive Saturdays in December. Joining the society for each concert are 150 children from local Primary Schools. We also support local businesses in their fundraising efforts with a group of carol singers.

Our 2 main concerts and the 2 carol concerts are usually held in Arundel Cathedral with the support and co-operation of the Cathedral Administration. We are accompanied by the Sinfonia of Arun which was set up 26 years ago with funding from Arun Choral Society. For more than 10 years we have been lucky to have young singers from the Royal Academy of Music join us as our soloists. They are supported by the Josephine Baker Trust.

We rehearse in the hall of a Primary School in Arundel on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30pm mainly during term time. A couple of weeks before our major concerts we hold an additional Saturday morning rehearsal.

The successful applicant will be an experienced pianist, with excellent sight and score reading ability, good interpersonal skills, flexibility, enthusiasm and solid musicianship.

Remunerations and fees are commensurate with experience and expertise, and guided by professional recommendations. There will be the opportunity to perform in some concerts and a concert fee will be paid.

How to apply

Further information about the society is available on our website <http://www.arunchoralsociety.co.uk>

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