



PRESS RELEASE

## ORCHESTRA TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH LIFE-ENHANCING SKILLS

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and University of Southampton  
offer 'Music in the Community' module



*Students will work closely with members of BSO Participate ©BSO*

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the University of Southampton are delivering a brand new module to equip undergraduate Music students with the skills to enhance lives through music.

Led by Dr Ben Oliver, the course will be delivered in partnership with BSO Participate who deliver over 650 community workshops and events each year across the South and South West.

Dr Oliver said of the partnership, *"We are delighted to be partnering with the BSO to provide our students with a unique opportunity to receive training and mentoring from sector-leading community music leaders and practitioners. As part of the module the students will develop, organise and run a community music activity day, gaining invaluable skills and experience as well as making positive impact within our local communities."*

Lisa Tregale, Head of BSO Participate, said, *"We're thrilled to work in partnership with these talented University of Southampton students on the cusp of a career in the arts. Empowering lives"*

*through music remains at the core of all that the BSO do —it's liberating for us to share our experience with the next generation of practitioners."*

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is known for its life-enhancing work both on and off the stage. The Orchestra was Alzheimer's Society's 'Dementia Friendly Organisation of the Year' in 2017, before presenting the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble — BSO Resound — at the BBC Proms in 2018. BSO Resound was recently nominated for two prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society Awards for its ground-breaking work.

To learn more about the Music in the Community module delivered by the University of Southampton and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra visit [www.southampton.ac.uk](http://www.southampton.ac.uk)

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1. Images available [here](#):
  - a) BSO Participate deliver over 650 events each year © BSO
  - b) Dr Ben Oliver ©Markus Kinch
2. Course detail: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/modules/musi2141.page>
3. About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is a world-class ensemble known for spearheading change both on and off the stage since 1893. Highly regarded for its ambitious programming and recordings, its Prokofiev cycle and survey of Eastern European music under the baton of Chief Conductor Kirill Karabits has received critical acclaim.

Empowering lives through music remains at the core of all that the BSO does. The Orchestra were Alzheimer's Society's 'Dementia Friendly Organisation of the Year' in 2017, before presenting the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the BBC Proms in 2018. Known for its work in defining the modern symphony orchestra, BSO Participate, who work with all ages off the stage, are internationally recognised as an act to follow. Over 650 community workshops and events take place each year across the BSO's 10,000-square-mile region, enhancing thousands of lives each year.

As a registered arts charity the BSO is increasingly reliant on the support of individuals, charitable trusts and companies. The income earned from ticket sales, commercial activity and grants from public funding sources help the Orchestra greatly and is increasingly invaluable in supporting BSO's on-going mission to enrich and inspire the cultural lives of many.

The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is BBC Radio 3

The BSO is Classic FM's Orchestra in the South of England.

Allianz Musical Insurance is a supporting partner of BSO Resound.

4. About the University of Southampton

The University of Southampton drives original thinking, turns knowledge into action and impact, and creates solutions to the world's challenges. We are among the top 100 institutions globally (QS World University Rankings 2019). Our academics are leaders in their fields, forging links with high-profile international businesses and organisations, and inspiring a 22,000-strong community of exceptional students, from over 135 countries worldwide. Through our high-quality education, the University helps students on a journey of discovery to realise their potential and join our global network of over 200,000 alumni.

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