

PRESS RELEASE

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Lucy Warren, who is currently Senior Producer/Head of Engagement at South London arts centre The Albany, has been announced as Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra’s new Head of BSO Participate; she begins work with the Orchestra at the end of 2020.

An experienced music professional, Lucy spent several years leading music workshops in Berlin and with Internationale Musikschule Berlin before her return to the UK. Bringing a wealth of experience to the role, Lucy has built relationships with a range of communities, artists and organisations, and in educational, health and wellbeing settings.

*“I am thrilled to be soon joining the BSO, and to be continuing the pioneering and far-reaching work of BSO Participate. Now more than ever, we recognise the fundamental need to connect and to create, and I am very much looking forward to bringing my own experiences of supporting diverse audiences and communities to the role; and working with the BSO team, Orchestra, and the many partners across the South West and beyond, to champion the unique power of music in the further development of a responsive and innovative BSO Participate programme.” – **Lucy Warren***

BSO Participate has an international reputation, setting the benchmark for community learning and participation in the classical sector. From establishing the world's first disabled-led ensemble at the core of a professional symphony orchestra to becoming Alzheimer's Society's Dementia-Friendly Organisation of the Year, the work of BSO Participate continues to innovate. Later in the 20/21 season, BSO Participate will present a new work commissioned by Allianz Musical Insurance and partnering two radical figures in modern British music: composer Shirley J. Thompson and disabled-led ensemble BSO Resound.

Dougie Scarfe, Chief Executive of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra said, *"We're excited to bring Lucy, with her exceptional track record in delivering community-based projects, into the BSO team to build on the outstanding success of BSO Participate in recent years. Never has this work been needed more as we reach out throughout the South West and beyond with our life-empowering music making."*

To find out more about the work of BSO Participate visit [bsolive.com](https://www.bsolive.com)

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1. Images available [here](#)
 - 1) Lucy Warren
 - 2) Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at its home venue, Lighthouse, Poole ©Mark Allan
2. One of the UK's best-loved orchestras, **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** is a professional ensemble known for igniting change both on and off the stage. With residencies in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Poole and Portsmouth it is also the largest cultural provider in the South West of England serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions.
3. Awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award in 2019, for its work in improving opportunities for disabled talent, the BSO continues to explore new territory with BSO Resound – the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major orchestra. **BSO Participate** works with all ages off the stage and is internationally recognised as an act to follow: over 650 community workshops and events take place each year across the Orchestra's vast region, empowering thousands of lives each year.
4. Following the longest break in its 127-year history, the Orchestra was one of the first ensembles in the UK to launch a series of full-symphonic performances in 2020. Investec is a proud partner and series sponsor of the BSO.
5. 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.

6. The BSO's Principal Broadcast Partner is BBC Radio 3.
7. The BSO is Classic FM's Orchestra in the South of England.
8. Allianz Musical Insurance is supporting partner of BSO Resound.