



Principal Oboe

Information for Applicants

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About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

'The cultural heartbeat of the South West.' Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England

One of the UK's best-loved orchestras, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is known for championing the role of culture in people's lives. Based at Lighthouse, Poole, the Orchestra has residencies in Bristol, Exeter, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Yeovil, and performs in towns and villages across the region. It is the largest cultural provider in the Southwest of England, serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions in the UK.

Celebrated globally for his outstanding musicianship, extraordinary interpretations, and breadth of repertoire, **Mark Wigglesworth's** appointment as Chief Conductor builds on the BSO's reputation for the highest quality music-making. The Orchestra boasts an enviable list of named conductors, including Principal Guest Conductor **Chloé van Soeterstède**, **Marin Alsop**, **David Hill MBE**, **Kirill Karabits OBE**, and **Andrew Litton**.

Committed to new music, the BSO has presented premiere performances of works by Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, Jonathan Dove, Magnus Lindberg, Anna Korsun, Elizabeth Ogonek, Shirley J. Thompson OBE, Mark-Anthony Turnage and Kate Whitley in recent years – and it's **Voices from the East** series has been recognised for unearthing lost symphonic works from eastern Europe and central Asia.

The BSO is known for championing access to high-quality music for all and leads hundreds of community-based events each year, from its award-winning work in health and care settings to partnerships with schools and music education hubs. In the 2024/25 season, it deepens its reach into local communities, including: a new residency in **partnership with NHS Dorset**; an expansion of its creative health work; and the extension of the **BSO Young Associates community music** training scheme. Following international attention for igniting change, **BSO Resound** – the world's first professional disabled-led ensemble at the core of a major orchestra, and winner of the 2019 Royal Philharmonic Society's Impact Award – continues to challenge perceptions.

For further information about the BSO please visit [bsolive.com](https://www.bsolive.com)

Living in the South West

Voted the best place to live in the UK in 2014 with miles and miles of sandy beaches, some of the best weather in the UK and the longest life expectancy in Britain, Dorset makes for a happy home. With over half the county designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, no one can deny that Dorset is truly something special. The county also boasts 5 country parks too. Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour was voted Britain's favourite nature reserve in 2013 and the area around Wareham is recognised as the most botanically rich in the UK.

Dorset has nearly 100 miles of coastline with award winning, golden sandy beaches and Dorset's great outdoors provides a green gym, which is simply unrivalled in the UK.



Dorset has 364 more hours of sunshine throughout the year in comparison to the UK average.

With two Oscar winning Universities, Bournemouth has one of the fastest growing tech sectors in the UK.

Employee Benefits

- Annual leave entitlement of 40 working days including bank holidays.
- Personal Pension with an employer contribution and the option of salary exchange.
- Instrument Insurance, through Allianz.
- Access to the BSO's health and wellbeing programme.
- Medical cover from Bupa, a cash plan scheme providing money for a large range of treatments.
- Life Insurance which provides a life cover of 3 times salary.
- Complimentary or reduced-price tickets to BSO concerts and theatre/cinema at the Lighthouse when available.