



SOUTHERN SINFONIA seeks Artistic and Musical Director Taunton, Somerset

Southern Sinfonia is seeking an exceptional and visionary Artistic & Musical Director to help shape the future of music and culture in Somerset.

Based in Taunton and developing an ambitious artistic partnership with the Brewhouse Theatre and potentially Hestercombe House and Gardens, and the wider community of Taunton, Southern Sinfonia is entering an exciting new phase: one that aims to establish Taunton as a significant cultural destination and Hestercombe as an important centre for classical music and the arts in the South West. The Sinfonia will also continue its residency at Wellington School and is preparing to deliver a series of funded Music for Autism workshops across the Southwest.

We are seeking an inspiring artistic leader with a clear commitment to building strong local or regional connections who shares our ambition to create an outstanding professional orchestra for the future: an orchestra that is artistically adventurous, deeply rooted in its community and capable of presenting a wide range of musical experience

This is far more than a traditional conducting role.

The successful candidate will help shape:

- a bold artistic vision for the orchestra
- ambitious programming spanning classical, film, contemporary works
- major performances, festivals and outdoor events
- educational and community engagement projects
- partnerships across culture, tourism and education
- audience growth and regional cultural identity
- Taunton's growing ambition to become one of the UK's leading cultural destinations

We are looking for someone who combines:

- outstanding musicianship and conducting ability
- entrepreneurial vision and creative energy
- strong communication and public engagement skills
- a passion for accessible, high-quality live music
- experience in audience development and partnership-building
- commitment to nurturing musicians and developing future talent in the area
- belief in the transformative power of regional culture

This is a rare opportunity to help create something genuinely distinctive in the South West: a vibrant, professional orchestra connected to place, heritage, landscape and community.

Southern Sinfonia welcomes applications from candidates of all backgrounds and is committed to encouraging a diverse field of applicants.

To express interest, please send:

- a covering letter
- CV/biography
- examples of recent programming and artistic work
- links to performances where available

to: info@southernsinfonia.co.uk

Closing date: July 17th, 2026