

Pill Festival Band

Wanted – Musical Conductor

Pill Festival Band (PFB), a community based orchestral band with approximately 35 amateur players of wide ranging ability (absolute beginners upwards), requires a conductor to lead the band at rehearsals and performances.

Rehearsals are held each Monday evening in term time in the village of Pill (North Somerset). Performances (approximately five per year as required) will be held at various times and locations, but with regard to the amateur nature of the band these will predominantly be evenings and weekends and be local to Pill.

The successful candidate will be expected to actively be involved in;

- Conducting rehearsals. Rehearsals are generally three hours in length, split into three approximately equal sections Beginners (little or no musical experience), Training (two years and more) and Performance (up to grade 8).
- Providing guidance and direction aimed to improve the ability of the players and the band.
- Providing supplementary¹ tuition for the beginners section of the band rehearsals. This level of tuition is anticipated to be fairly rudimentary, primarily the fundamentals of reading music, some basic tunes to inspire musical development, and providing the experience of playing along with others.
- Conducting performances, either our own concerts (Summer and Christmas), or as a part of other village events throughout the year.
- Selecting suitable new pieces of music.

For more detailed information about the band and the position please see the accompanying 'Introduction to Pill Festival Band' document, and the accompanying 'Conductors' agreement.

Remuneration will be paid 'per hour' for conducting either rehearsals (generally 3 hours) or concerts (including rehearsal time, minimum 2 hours), plus expenses.

In the first instance, please reply with your relevant qualifications and previous experience to Stephen Brain (Secretary of Pill Festival Band) stephen.brain@limesbb.co.uk

¹ 'Supplementary' as beginners will be encouraged to have separate music lessons.