



Sub-Principal Bassoon

The BBC Philharmonic is reimagining the orchestral experience for a new generation – challenging perceptions, championing innovation and taking a rich variety of music to the widest range of audiences.

The orchestra performs around 100 concerts every year, the vast majority broadcast on BBC Radio 3. Along with around 35 free concerts a year at its MediaCityUK studio in Salford and a flagship 20-concert series at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall, the orchestra performs across the North of England, at the BBC Proms and internationally, and records regularly for the Chandos label. Since 2019, Omer Meir Wellber has been Chief Conductor of the orchestra, which also has strong ongoing relationships with John Storgårds, Chief Guest Conductor, and Ben Gernon, Principal Guest Conductor.

The BBC Philharmonic is a true champion of new music. Having recently premiered works by Emily Howard, Outi Tarkiainen and Mark Simpson, the orchestra's Composer in Association, it is premiering pieces by Tom Coult, Philip Grange and Jeffrey Mumford in 2019/20. Through its diverse programme, it has recently broadcast on all seven BBC national radio networks.

The orchestra is pioneering new ways to engage with music. In collaboration with the BBC's Research & Development team, its trailblazing Philharmonic Lab programme of digital innovation is making music a more connected experience for listeners, while its diverse learning and education programme reaches everyone from toddlers to adults. Through all its activities, the BBC Philharmonic is bringing life-changing music experiences to audiences across Greater Manchester, the North of England, the UK and around the world.

Chief Conductor	<i>Omer Meir Wellber</i>
Chief Guest Conductor	<i>John Storgårds</i>
Principal Guest Conductor	<i>Ben Gernon</i>
Composer in Association	<i>Mark Simpson</i>
Leader	<i>Yuri Torchinsky</i>

Job Description

Job title	<i>Sub-Principal Bassoon</i>
Contract type	<i>Full-time – permanent</i>
Line manager	<i>Orchestra Manager</i>

The BBC Philharmonic is committed to diversity, inclusion and equality of opportunity in all aspects of recruitment and employment. We encourage applications from a diverse range of backgrounds and will aim to make any reasonable adjustments for applicants throughout the recruitment process.

This role offers a competitive salary package, a defined pension scheme and many other benefits, including: annual instrument allowances, training & medical allowances, full instrumental insurance cover, discounted dental care, health care, gym membership and much more.

Key Responsibilities

- To sit as Sub-Principal (2nd) Bassoon, stepping up to Principal Bassoon as required.
- To demonstrate excellent solo and orchestral playing abilities, maintaining the highest musical standards.
- To support the Section Principal in all areas, helping to foster a supportive professional working environment.
- To develop positive working relationships with conductors, freelancers and all members of the orchestra.
- To play a key role in the life of the BBC Philharmonic – to be a passionate team player with a commitment to maintain and enhance the reputation of the orchestra.

Knowledge & Experience

Applicants should aim to meet a majority of the following criteria:

- Outstanding professional orchestral and solo playing abilities.
- Knowledge, passion and appreciation of the range of repertoire performed by the BBC Philharmonic.
- Interpersonal skills: ability to contribute and participate as part of a diverse team and to support colleagues, conductors and freelancers.

Auditions

Auditions will be held in the BBC Philharmonic's studio at MediaCityUK on **Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 February**.

Applicants will be required to prepare the 1st and 2nd movement of Mozart's Bassoon Concerto K. 191, prepared excerpts and sight-reading. An accompanist will be provided on the day.

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 8 January**. Applicants should apply via the BBC Careers Hub website by uploading a CV (without photographs); please contact philharmonic@bbc.co.uk if you have any queries relating to your application.