

LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE

Opening: Choir Director for Landmark Singers

Musical Director Wanted: Auditioned Mixed Voice Choir, SW London

Organisation: Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington, South West London

Commitment: Freelance (minimum one-year contracted agreement)

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7–9pm (during term time)

Remuneration: £45-55 per hour, based on rehearsal hours, with additional compensation for preparation. Additional paid hours for directing concerts or events.

Closing date: Friday 26th June 2026

About the Landmark Arts Centre

The Landmark Arts Centre is home to a year-round programme of live music, visual arts exhibitions, classes and family events that connect audiences with local, national and internationally recognised artistic talent. We welcome over 50,000 visitors annually across South West London and beyond, championing our shared values of culture, creativity and community.

Based in the heart of Teddington, between Twickenham and Kingston upon Thames, the Landmark is housed within a striking Grade II* listed former church, affectionately known as the 'Cathedral of the Thames Valley'. Saved from demolition by local residents in the 1980s, the building remains at the centre of community life and creative activity today.

About Landmark Singers

Landmark Singers is an established auditioned mixed-voice choir for experienced singers with strong music-reading skills or a highly developed musical ear. The choir explores an ambitious and varied repertoire, including classical, folk, jazz, gospel, pop and world music traditions.

The ensemble rehearses weekly during term time and performs regularly throughout the year at concerts, community events and seasonal celebrations at the Landmark Arts Centre. The choir prides itself on musical challenge, artistic growth and creating a welcoming and collaborative atmosphere for committed singers from across South West London.

About the role

We are seeking an energetic, experienced and inspiring Musical Director to lead Landmark Singers, our established auditioned community choir. The successful candidate will lead engaging weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and prepare the choir for a varied programme of performances and events throughout the year.

You will be confident working across a broad repertoire and capable of developing singers musically and vocally while maintaining a positive, ambitious and inclusive rehearsal environment.

Friendly, confident and collaborative, you will be comfortable guiding an established choir while helping shape its next chapter with fresh ideas, positivity and enthusiasm. You will enjoy building strong relationships with members and creating a rehearsal environment that feels welcoming, ambitious and community-focused.

This role is offered on a freelance basis through an annual rolling agreement.

We are a friendly, dedicated and passionate team at the Landmark Arts Centre. We hope you will consider joining us in helping our community members live happier, more creative and more connected lives.

Key responsibilities

- **Rehearsal direction:** Conduct and accompany regular rehearsals (Wednesday evenings, 7–9pm), ensuring an engaging and productive environment. This includes teaching vocal technique, breathing exercises and musicianship skills to support singers' confidence and musical development, alongside planning warm-ups that promote vocal health and ensemble cohesion.

- **Repertoire selection:** Select and prepare an ambitious and engaging repertoire that both challenges and inspires the choir. This includes organising and sharing sheet music and rehearsal resources to support members' independent learning and preparation.
- **Performance coordination:** Prepare the choir for concerts, showcases and community events throughout the year. Collaborate with accompanists, musicians and creative partners where appropriate.
- **Mentorship and choir development:** Provide musical guidance, encouragement and constructive feedback to singers, fostering confidence, teamwork and continued growth. Create a positive and inclusive atmosphere that supports collaboration and enjoyment.
- **Community engagement:** Support the continued growth and visibility of the choir within the South West London community, encouraging participation, connection and audience engagement wherever possible.
- **Communication:** Maintain clear, timely and professional communication with the Creative Learning team, including responsiveness to emails and planning discussions, attendance at end-of-term feedback meetings, and collaborative support for concerts, events and choir activities.

Person specification

- Proven experience directing adult community and/or auditioned choirs.
- Strong conducting, rehearsal-leading and vocal coaching skills.
- Excellent musicianship and confident keyboard/piano skills.
- Strong score-reading ability and confidence teaching complex harmony and multi-part repertoire.
- Ability to work across a broad range of musical styles, including classical, folk, jazz, gospel and contemporary repertoire.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage and inspire diverse groups of people.
- Confident leading an established choir with warmth, positivity and clear musical direction.
- Organised, reliable and responsive in communications, rehearsal planning and event coordination.
- Commitment to inclusive community music-making and lifelong learning.
- Understanding of safeguarding and inclusive practice is desirable.

To apply

Please electronically submit your CV and a covering letter to Audrey Owusu-Frempong, Interim Creative Learning Manager, at

learning@landmarkartscentre.org with the subject line: '**Landmark Singers Musical Director Application**'.

In your covering letter, please explain your interest in the role and how your skills and experience make you suitable for the position.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited to lead a trial rehearsal as part of the interview process.

To ask any questions about the role before applying, please contact Audrey Owusu-Frempong, Interim Creative Learning Manager, at learning@landmarkartscentre.org.