

# RICHMOND LIGHT ORCHESTRA



VACANCY  
ORCHESTRA LEADER

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Following the planned departure of our current leader, the Richmond Light Orchestra are seeking to appoint a new long-term professional leader. Applicants should contact the RLO Chairman, Chris Childs at [info@richmondlightorchestra.com](mailto:info@richmondlightorchestra.com)

**The deadline for applications is 31st March 2025**

All responses will be acknowledged. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend and lead a forthcoming rehearsal as part of the recruitment process.

## ABOUT THE RICHMOND LIGHT ORCHESTRA

The orchestra was founded in 2021. With nine concerts under our belt, we perform three public concerts a year in St Mary's Church, Twickenham – a beautiful church on Thames riverside. We specialise in performing film music, musical theatre numbers, pop arrangements and light classical music to a large and appreciative, loyal audience.

We are a lively social bunch, and have regular post-rehearsal drinks and occasional group outings and social events. We have a professional Conductor/Musical Director. Like any community orchestra, we have a mix of abilities, with some very strong players (including semi-pro or retired professionals), some less experienced players, and all levels in between. We are a community orchestra with a committee structure and currently have 50+ members. We are in the process of seeking charitable status.

Although we are an amateur organisation, we strive to maintain a good performance standard and take a professional approach to the running of the orchestra and quality of concert performances.

## POSITION

Leader

## AVAILABILITY

From April 2025 (Date TBC)

## FEE

£600 per term (negotiable based on experience)

## SCHEDULE

We have three, 12-week terms a year, Spring (Jan–early April), Summer (late April–mid July), and Autumn (mid Sep–mid Dec).

Weekly rehearsals take place in the centre of Richmond, London, every Tuesday during term time, 7.30pm–9.30pm. This is followed by a Friday 'dress rehearsal' (7.30pm–9.30pm) and Saturday concert 7.30pm–9.30pm approx (including an afternoon rehearsal 4–5.30pm), all taking place in Twickenham. Each term includes one sectional rehearsal.

Full term dates for 2025 can be found at [www.richmondlightorchestra.com/rehearsals](http://www.richmondlightorchestra.com/rehearsals)

## REQUIREMENTS

### Our expectations of a Leader:

- A confident, accomplished, professional-level violinist
- Excellent sight reading ability
- Experience of leading an orchestra and comfortable working with adult amateur musicians
- Competent and forthcoming in advising on technical and aesthetic challenges
- Genuine enthusiasm and a shared appreciation of film music, musical theatre and associated genres
- A good communicator with an authoritative, yet positive and friendly manner

### We are looking for a Leader who:

- Is committed, reliable and punctual
- Will attend and prepare for all rehearsals and concert performances
- Will take a diligent and proactive approach with regard to bowings for upper strings

- Will communicate with the string section leaders and advise the string ensemble throughout the rehearsal process
- Will prepare and confidently lead termly string sectional rehearsals without the presence of the Conductor
- Is energetic, with an ability to motivate non-professional players to improve their standard of performance and enjoyment of music-making
- Fits our vibe and has a good sense of humour
- Has knowledge of a wide range of film and music repertoire and able to offer input when needed
- Will liaise with the Musical Director and Orchestra Committee members, in person and by email, for the smooth running of rehearsals and concert performances
- Will give sufficient notice for any planned absences and has a network of similarly-minded professional violinists and will arrange for a competent deputy should the need arise