

# Job Vacancy

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## Section Principal Timpani

WNO shares the power of live opera and classical music with audiences and communities across Wales and England. We are a creative and inspiring place to work and recognise that our colleagues play a vital role in advancing our strategic priorities to deliver on our ambitions.

Resident at Cardiff's Wales Millennium Centre, WNO Orchestra is one of two, permanent, full-time ensembles at the centre of the Company, alongside the WNO Chorus. As a national company with international status, WNO sits at the heart of music-making in Wales and plays a valuable role in the communities it serves in England. Touring is the lifeblood of the Company, entertaining and inspiring audiences both across the UK and internationally.

In addition to its significant Opera touring remit, WNO Orchestra delivers an exciting annual portfolio of symphonic, chamber and self-directed concert programmes, predominantly to venues across England and Wales. Additionally, the Orchestra enjoys a global reputation, with notable international appearances at the Hong Kong Festival, in Dubai, Oman, Morocco, Brno and, most recently, opening the Prague Spring Festival 2023.

WNO is now seeking a dynamic Section Principal Timpani to join its full-time contract orchestra.

### What will be required of you?

- To play Section Principal Timpani with WNO Orchestra as part of all its full-scale opera, recording and significant concert remit.
- To play Section Principal Timpani in smaller ensembles as part of WNO's project remit as required by the Company.
- To play percussion as required.
- To be an active contributor to WNO's programme of engagement projects across Wales and England.

### What you will need to have?

- **A very high standard of technical instrumental skill, musicality, and performance.**
- Demonstrable principal experience.
- Experience of playing with professional opera/ballet/symphony orchestras.

- Experience and confidence in taking part in engagement activity.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Good communication skills.

## What we can offer you?

**Salary** £43,964

**Pension** All employees are automatically enrolled into WNO's Stakeholder Pension Scheme (the "Plan") or such other registered pension scheme as may be set up by the Company as a Qualifying Workplace Pension Scheme three months after joining the Company, subject to satisfying certain eligibility criteria.

**Gym Membership** All employees are eligible to obtain the Active Corporate Card operated by Cardiff City Council which is available at a 25% reduced rate and covers various leisure facilities throughout Cardiff.

**Discounts** Wales Millennium Centre offers discounts to residents at selected outlets within the building and selected restaurants around Cardiff Bay on presentation of ID cards. Discounted rate with Future Inns in Cardiff.

**Staff Parking Discount with Q Park** We have a corporate rate with Q Park, Pierhead Street (opposite WMC).

**Employee Assistant Programme** We provide a free confidential counselling and advice service that is available to all our employees, freelancers and contractors.

**Welsh lessons** We support staff who want to learn or improve their Welsh language skills, and we offer optional basic Welsh and improver lessons free of charge.



### **Medical Cashplan & My Salary Extras**

All colleagues are automatically signed up to a medical cash plan called **BHSF**, at Silver level paid for by WNO, where you can claim money back for routine and emergency healthcare on a range of healthcare including *physiotherapy, dentistry, optical, osteopathy and more*. You can also access a *GP & Prescription service and mental health/counselling services*.

'My Salary Extras' offer benefits and discounts on everyday spending, including, leisure days out, household purchases, motoring and travel.

All applications are to be submitted via *Musical Chairs* – [www.musicalchairs.info](http://www.musicalchairs.info)