



Co-Principal Viola

Information for Applicants

Summer 2026

BSO Values

Welcoming

Brilliant

Brave

About Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

One of the UK's best-loved orchestras, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) is known for championing the role of culture in people's lives. Based at Lighthouse, Poole, the Orchestra is resident in Bristol, Exeter, Portsmouth, Southampton and Yeovil, and performs in towns and villages across the region. A registered charity, it is the largest performing organisation in the South West of England, serving one of the biggest and most diverse regions in the UK.

Chief Conductor **Mark Wigglesworth**'s opening seasons have magnified the BSO's reputation for the highest quality music-making and the Orchestra boasts an enviable list of named conductors, including Principal Guest Conductor **Chloé Van Soeterstède**, **Marin Alsop**, **David Hill MBE**, **Kirill Karabits**, **Andrew Litton** and new Calleva Assistant Conductor, **Michal Oren**.

In 2026/27, the BSO welcomes **Thomas Adès** as its Celebrated Composer, in a series that shines a spotlight on new British music. It launches a **two-year Beethoven celebration: *Road to Joy*** and welcomes pianist **Boris Giltburg** as Artist-in-Residence. Its live broadcast series continues into its seventh year, supported by **Digital Concert Sponsor, Lark Music**.

Celebrated for its pioneering community-based **BSO Participate work**, the Orchestra brings music into people's lives beyond the concert hall – last year creating more than 58,000 experiences, from hospitals and schools to community centres and care homes.

A National Portfolio of Arts Council England, the BSO is a registered charity and relies on generous philanthropic support from individual donors, gifts in wills, corporate partners, and charitable trusts and foundations.

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Living in the South West

Voted the best place to live in the UK in 2014 with miles and miles of sandy beaches, some of the best weather in the UK and the longest life expectancy in Britain, Dorset makes for a happy home. With over half the county designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, no one can deny that Dorset is truly something special. The county also boasts 5 country parks too. Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour was voted Britain's favourite nature reserve in 2013 and the area around Wareham is recognised as the most botanically rich in the UK.

Dorset has nearly 100 miles of coastline with award winning, golden sandy beaches and Dorset's great outdoors provides a green gym, which is simply unrivalled in the UK.

Dorset has 364 more hours of sunshine throughout the year in comparison to the UK average.

With two Oscar winning Universities, Bournemouth has one of the fastest growing tech sectors in the UK.



Employee Benefits

- Annual leave entitlement of 50 days including bank holidays.
- Personal Pension with an employer contribution and the option of salary exchange.
- Instrument Insurance, through Lark Music.
- Access to the BSO's health and wellbeing programme including weekly yoga classes.
- Medical cover from Bupa, a cash plan scheme providing money for a large range of treatments including £300 a year for physiotherapy/Chiropractic treatments.
- Life Insurance which provides a life cover of 3 times salary.
- 1 hour of free legal advice and 50% discount on Will writing and estate planning services
- Complimentary or reduced-price tickets to BSO concerts and theatre/cinema at the Lighthouse when available.