



NORTH LONDON FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, SPEECH & DRAMA

We are looking for a New Singing Section Secretary

The North London Festival of Music, Speech and Drama was founded, in November 1920, by a group of eminent North London musicians, composers and educators including Sir Edward Elgar, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, and Dame Clara Butt. Valuing excellence from the beginning, great musicians such as Dame Myra Hess, Sir David Willcocks, and Sir Colin Davis have helped steer the Festival through various challenges and changes.

The Festival runs competitions in music, speech and drama for all ages and ability levels (including conservatoire) over several weeks each spring although, in response to the coronavirus crisis, the 2021 Festival was held completely online.

The Festival has furthered the careers of many young British music and drama students through its broad range of competitions and performance opportunities.

The Festival has five Officers; Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Festival Administrator; and a team of Section Heads who are responsible for competitions such as Strings, Piano, Harp, and Speech & Drama. Together the Officers and Section Heads make up the Executive Committee and are the Trustees of the Charity. All members of the Executive Committee are volunteers.

Planning for each Festival starts in the previous Autumn, following the AGM. In the Spring there is a burst of concentrated activity during the Festival itself. All the live competitions take place in venues in North London.

Festival Singing Section Secretary

The Festival is seeking someone, with excellent interpersonal skills, to act as the Singing Section Secretary and represent singers at Executive Committee level. The live Festival normally runs three days of competition as well as the Singing Recital and Accompanists' Prize Competition for conservatoire-level competitors.

As well as collaborating with the other committee members to develop the Festival as a whole, the new section secretary will guide and define the development of the singing section and work to gain further sponsorship for the section. They will also represent the Festival's singing section to external stakeholders, such as sponsors, concert organisers and venues.

This is a voluntary, unpaid role.

Questions about the role are welcome – please contact Rosemary Cook - enquiriesnlf@outlook.com

The Festival's website is northlondonfestival.org.uk

Enquiries and applications (CV and covering letter) by email please by Friday 12th November to: Rosemary Cook, Acting Hon. Secretary, North London Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, enquiriesnlf@outlook.com