

HEBRIDES ENSEMBLE

Trainee Artistic Director

How do you become the Artistic Director of a contemporary arts organisation? What skills and knowledge will you need to make it a success? What does success look like, for an ensemble's artists, audiences and participants? How do you determine the artistic focus for your organisation? How do you develop an ensemble through programming? These are some of the questions you could address during a 12-month residency with Hebrides Ensemble.

The purpose of the role:

To give an aspiring Artistic Director the opportunity to work alongside one of the UK's leading chamber music ensembles.

To share the knowledge and experience of our staff and Board with an aspiring Artistic Director.

To provide a supportive environment in which to explore how you can contribute to the work of a professional chamber music ensemble.

Fees:

You will receive fees and expenses in line with the agreed programme of activity.

Background

Co-founded and led by its Artistic Director, the cellist and conductor William Conway, the Ensemble is renowned for its fresh and intelligent approach to programming, which places contemporary music at the heart of a diverse range of repertoire.

With programmes that are diverse, imaginative and inspiring, Hebrides Ensemble has established itself as one of the foremost chamber music collectives in the UK. In addition to a busy performing and touring schedule, Hebrides Academy provides a wide range of training opportunities and events: for composers and performers entering the profession; for amateur performers with a passion for contemporary repertoire; and for anyone who wants to know more about the musicians we work with, the music we perform and the composers who write it.

The recent establishing of Hebrides Academy now allows us to launch this year-long residency to support an aspiring Artistic Director.

Residency content

You will develop a knowledge and understanding of the role and responsibility of the Artistic Director within a professional ensemble;

You will develop a 12-month programme of activity appropriate to your learning aims, skills and experience alongside the Artistic Director and Chief Executive;

For example:

developing a concert programme and educational activity for a concert tour;
directing a composers' workshop;
performing with the ensemble.

You will be mentored by the Artistic Director and Chief Executive throughout your programme of activity;

You will have the opportunity to attend Board meetings, planning meetings and engage with the inner workings of a professional arts organisation;

You will have access to the whole staff team for the duration of your residency, for advice, guidance and conversation.

Person Specification

You will be a conductor, composer, performer or arts manager. This opportunity will be tailored to your skills and experience.

You will be an ambitious musician who wants to be part of the development of your art form or organisation.

You will be curious, inquisitive, willing to challenge and be challenged, and ready to take the next step.

You might want to set up your own ensemble.

You might want to take a step-up in your career as an arts manager.

You might want to explore the role of education or technology in a contemporary ensemble.

You will have easy access to Edinburgh for meetings, conversations and mentoring opportunities, but online meetings could happen too.

You will have time within your other work to plan, reflect, research and implement your defined programme of work.

You will be resident in the UK and you will have completed your formal education.

To apply:

Please apply in writing to jennifer@hebridesensemble.com, including a CV and an outline of what you would like to gain through this opportunity.

Application deadline: 14 July 2017 at 18:00. Interviews will be held in Edinburgh towards the end of August/beginning of September 2017.

To arrange an informal conversation about the role, please contact Jennifer Martin, Chief Executive at jennifer@hebridesensemble.com.

For more information about Hebrides Ensemble, please see our website <http://hebridesensemble.com>.