

# RNCM Conducting Course for Music Educators

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## RNCM CONDUCTING COURSE FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS

The RNCM is pleased to invite applications for its conducting course aimed at those working in music education, or training to do so. Running between October 2023 and April 2024, three workshops linked by an e-learning element will provide a structured opportunity for those working with youth orchestras, bands and ensembles who wish to develop their technical and artistic skills.



The RNCM is at the forefront of conducting training internationally. Current students and recent graduates of our Junior Fellowship and Masters programmes hold, or have recently completed, assistant conductor positions with the Berliner Philharmoniker, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, English National Opera, Hallé, London Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Minnesota Orchestra. We are delighted to be able to extend the world-class teaching that lies at the heart of these successes to those doing vital work in music education. The emphasis is firmly on practical work and reflects the core belief that underpins all of the College's world-class conducting programmes: conductors learn best by conducting other musicians.

### WORKSHOP 1: 29 AND 30 OCTOBER 2023

Taking place at Whitemoor Lakes Conference Centre, near Lichfield in Staffordshire, from 2pm on 29 October to 4pm on 30 October. Running in conjunction with Derbyshire City and County Youth Wind Band's residential course, there will be introductory technical sessions and discussions on rehearsal strategies and score study. Participants will work with smaller ensembles and the full band. The Derbyshire CCYWB is one of the finest ensembles of its type in the country, and gained a Platinum award in the national finals of the recent National Concert Band Festival.

### WORKSHOP 2: 21 JANUARY 2024

Held at the RNCM in Manchester, from 10am to 5pm, this workshop will focus on developing knowledge of specific instrumental families. Participants will work with string and wind/brass ensembles of RNCM students exploring conducting and rehearsal techniques relevant to each.

### WORKSHOP 3: APRIL/MAY 2024 (DATE TBC)

The final workshop will take place at the RNCM. Following a morning preparation session with professional pianists, the afternoon session will be a masterclass with a local youth orchestra.

### E-LEARNING

Preparatory work before Workshop 1 will utilise the RNCM's new ConductIT online resource. All conducting sessions will be filmed and distributed online to the participants. In between the workshops, participants will be asked to film their own rehearsals and submit them online. Feedback will then be provided in the form of a voice-over, and returned to the participant for review enabling consolidation of the work done during the workshops.

On successful completion of the course, participants will be given an RNCM Certificate of Participation detailing the work undertaken during the course.

## ACTIVE PLACES

12 active places are available. To apply for an active place, please complete [this online form](#).

You will be asked to submit a brief CV highlighting your conducting experience and if possible a link to some video footage of your conducting. Applications will remain open until all places are filled. Details for payment of the course fee will be provided upon acceptance of your place.

If you have any queries about your application please email Jack Grime, Conducting Administrator, at [jack.grime@rncm.ac.uk](mailto:jack.grime@rncm.ac.uk)

## OBSERVER PLACES

Observers are invited to watch all sessions and to participate in group discussions. Optionally, the e-learning element of the course can be available to observers. This is particularly suitable for those who may not be able to commit to the full programme. To register as an observer, please complete [this online form](#).

## COSTS (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS: £600

IN-PERSON OBSERVERS: £60 per day



## MARK HERON

Mark Heron is a Scottish conductor noted for dynamic and well-rehearsed performances of an unusually wide repertoire.

He has appeared as a guest with most of the BBC orchestras, Philharmonia, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Royal Scottish National, Manchester Camerata, Psappha, and Meininger Hofkapelle. He is Music Director of the Nottingham Philharmonic. Mark has huge expertise in contemporary music and has collaborated with dozens of the greatest living composers. He has recorded more than 20 CDs with the RNCM Wind Orchestra and Manchester Camerata on labels such as Chandos, Naxos, NMC, ASC and Polyphonic.

Alongside his conducting engagements, Mark has an international reputation as a conducting teacher. He is Professor and Head of Conducting at the RNCM where he leads the College's world-renowned conducting programmes, is a visiting professor to the Royal Air Force, and is frequently invited to teach at masterclasses all over the world.