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## **RELEVANT EDUCATION**

September 2018-July 2020:	Royal Birmingham Conservatoire; MMus in Orchestral Conducting (Distinction)
October 2015-July 2018:	<b>St Peter's College, Oxford; MA (Oxon) in Music (First Class)</b> Recipient of the Paul and Fiona Geddes Award for outstanding academic achievement

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (including notable repertoire)**

## **Orchestral**

UK Proms in the Park Orchestra, Musical Director (2022-present)

Canterbury Orchestra, Musical Director (2023-present)

#### Leamington Sinfonia, Musical Director (2019-present)

Borodin – Symphony no. 2; Brahms - Symphony no. 2; Bruckner - Symphony no. 7; Dvorak - *Golden Spinning Wheel*; Holst - *The Planets*; Mahler - Symphony no. 2 'Resurrection', Symphony no. 4; Stravinsky – Symphonies of Wind Instruments; Tallis – Spem in Alium; Tchaikovsky - Romeo and Juliet Overture, 1812.

#### The Ripieno Players, Musical Director (2016-present)

Mahler - Symphony no. 4; Schoenberg - Verklärte Nacht, Pierrot Lunaire; Strauss - Metamorphosen; Stravinsky - Pulcinella, Dumbarton Oaks Soloists: Jess Gillam, Laura Van Der Heijden, Xhosa Cole, Harry Baker; New Commissions from Howard Skempton, Xhosa Cole, Alex Ho, Rufus Elliot.

#### Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra, Musical Director (2019-present)

Beethoven - Symphonies 5, 6, 7; Dvorak - Water Goblin, Symphony no. 8; Elgar - Enigma Var.; Saint-Saëns - Organ Symphony; Schumann - Symphony no. 3

Other Positions: Midland Concert Orchestra, MD (2021-present); Contemporary Music East Midlands [CoMA], MD (2019-2024); Abney Orchestra, MD (2019-21); Oxford University Symphonic Band, MD (2016-17)

<u>Guest Conductor</u>: Nottingham Symphony Orchestra (2024-present); City of Southampton Orchestra (2024-present); Oxford University Orchestra (2022-present); Winchester Symphony Orchestra (2022-present); Oxford Sinfonia (2022-present); Hard Rain Ensemble (2019)

## **Opera**

**The Cumbria Opera Group, Founder and Artistic Director (2016-present)** Artistic Director of the **Cumbria Opera Festivals 2021** and **2023**, involving Roderick Williams OBE and Joan Rodgers CBE. Mozart - Così fan tutte, Don Giovanni; Bernstein - Trouble in Tahiti; Handel - Acis and Galatea; Purcell - Dido and Aeneas; Blow - Venus and Adonis

Barricade Arts, Musical Director (2017-present), SLAM Theatre, Musical Director (2018-present): Bernstein - Candide

## <u>Choral</u>

Oxford University Chorus, Conductor (2016-17): Handel - Four Coronation Anthems; Haydn - The Creation; Rossini - Petite Messe; Vivaldi - Gloria

Other: The Choir of Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, Conductor (2016-18); The Choir of St Peter's College, Oxford, Guest Con. (2018)

## <u>Youth</u>

<u>Musical Director</u>: National Schools' Symphony Orchestra (2023-present); Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra (2022-present); Coventry Youth Choir (2022-2024); Warrington Youth Orchestra (2018-2020)

Guest Conductor: Cumbria Youth Orchestra (2018-present); Westmorland Youth Orchestra (2018-present)

## Assistant Conductor

**English Symphony Orchestra and Kenneth Woods (2023-present)** Shostakovich - Symphony no. 5; Tchaikovsky - Violin Concerto

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire (RBC) Symphony Orchestra and Michael Seal (2018-20) Stravinsky - *Rite of Spring*, Lutosławski - Concerto for Orchestra, Bartók - *The Miraculous Mandarin* 

Other: Opera Holland Park/George Jackson (La bohème); Oxford University Orchestra/Natalia Luis-Bassa; RBC Opera Department/Paul Wingfield

**<u>Referees</u>:** Roger Allen (Emeritus Fellow, St Peter's College, Oxford)

Louise Braithwaite (Principal Cor Anglais, Orchestra of the Swan)