MI

**Musical Director** 

Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra

only LGBTQ+ orchestra in the West Midlands

November 2023 to present (previously served as Assistant Conductor, Jan-Nov 2023)

- Programming and conducting of at least three concerts a year.
- Recommending suitable soloists and other players as needed.
- · Attending regular comittee meetings.

MI

Conductor and MD

**Wythall Community Choir** 

community choir in Worcestershire

June 2023 to December 2023 (maternity cover)

• Responsible for overall direction of the choir and conducting all concerts.

MI

**Principal Conductor** 

The People's Orchestra

pro-am orchestra based in Birmingham

July 2021 to November 2022

- · Rebuilt ensemble following COVID.
- · Lead the orchestra through their 10th anniversary celebrations.
- · Conducting all concerts, including performances with choir.

MI

**Choir Leader** 

The People's Show Choir (Central Birmingham)

community choir in Birmingham city centre

July 2021 to November 2022

- Rebuilt choir following COVID.
- · Prepared the choir for massed concerts with other show choirs.

#### **EDUCATION HISTORY**



MA Music in Choral Conducting
University of Birmingham
2022-2023



Bachelor of Music (with Honours) in Performance Royal Birmingham Conservatoire 2017-2021



# **Education and Training**

## Workshops/Courses:

- David Temple MBE with Crouch End Festival Chorus (February 2024)
- Simon Halsey CBE with University of Birmingham, CBSO Chorus, London Symphony Chorus, and Orfeó Català (September 2022-July 2023)
- Julian Wilkins with University of Birmingham, CBSO Chorus (September 2022-July 2023)
- Bob Chilcott with University of Birmingham (September 2022-July 2023)
- Rachel Staunton with University of Birmingham (February 2023)
- Simon Carrington with University of Birmingham (October 2022)
- Don Gillthorpe with The People's Orchestra (October 2022)
- Christopher Bell with the National Youth Choir of Scotland (May-June 2021)
- Holly Mathieson with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (June 2017)

# Other conducting responsibilities

- Hampton Singers (2024-present)
  - deputise for Musical Director when needed
- Birmingham City Council Choir (2023-present)
  - deputise for Musical Director when needed
- CBSO Chorus (2022-2023)
  - assisting with rehearsals, such as leading warm-ups
- University of Birmingham Camerata (2022-2023)
  - led jointly with two other student conductors
- Birmingham University Singers (2022-2023)
  - assistant conductor to Bob Chilcott
- University of Birmingham Chorus (2022-2023)
  - assistant conductor to Julian Wilkins
- University of Birmingham Staff Singers (2023)
  - led jointly with two other student conductors
- University of Birmingham Voices (2023)
  - assistant conductor to Julian Wilkins
- Royal Scottish National Orchestra (2017)
  - conductor for two pieces in a public concert as part of RSNO Takeover

# Recordings

- 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' by Conor Bastible (conductor, new work for mixed 8-part choir) 2024
- 'Hymn to the Head' by Philip Matty (conductor, new work for SATB choir and ensemble) 2023
- 'We Are One' by John Koutselinis (conductor, performed by The People's Orchestra and The People's Show Choirs) - 2022

### References

### Simon Halsey CBE

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### **Bob Chilcott**

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Further references available on request.

