
ROMAN RIVER MUSIC

LOCAL CHARITY MAKES NEW APPOINTMENTS AHEAD OF LANDMARK YEAR

Roman River Music is an ambitious charity with a mission to embed culture in the life of everyone living in North Essex. The organisation is currently recruiting Marketing and Development Managers to support the 2018 Festival and beyond. The Roman River Music Festival is one of East Anglia's best-kept secrets, enchanting local audiences and inspiring a growing number of visitors – not just music lovers, but those who enjoy a good night out with friends, an immersive performance or simply an opportunity to escape the rush and relax for an hour or two.

Born of a music day for local youngsters in 2000, Roman River Music grew into a network led by enthusiastic volunteers, which in recent years has seen the appointment of a core team brought in to strengthen and manage the operation and challenging logistics of bringing over 100 world-class musicians to intimate, inspiring and often surprising venues in and around Colchester. We have put on the first performance in over 50 years in a derelict Grade II listed 1851 meeting hall as well as packing a disused bus depot with over 230 people to hear an entirely contemporary classical music programme and presenting exciting cross-arts projects with local partners at Colchester Arts Centre, Firstsite and the Mercury Theatre.

The 2018 Festival will mark a century since peace was declared at the end of the First World War, exploring how a new world can be built from such devastation in the context of a 2,000-year-old garrison town. Exceptional international musicians will work alongside young talents, local performers and artists to look at how the world was changed by that cataclysmic four-year struggle and how society has addressed conflicts since.

Highlights will include Anthony Marwood playing Berg's Violin Concerto, songs and letters from WWI performed by Joshua Ellicott, Mahler's 4th Symphony, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, great choral, orchestral and chamber music, poetry and dance. Our learning & participation programme will continue to bring accessible and exciting projects to communities across Colchester, working with children from 6 months to those in later life, partnering with many local organisations including AFiUK, the Colne Valley Youth Orchestra and St Helena Hospice.

Roman River Music is looking for a passionate and experienced **Marketing Manager** to communicate all of this exciting activity to the widest possible audience across Essex and beyond, using both traditional and digital channels to extend the reach of its work, bring new audiences to events and contribute to a positive profile of Britain's oldest recorded town.

For the first time, the charity is also seeking to appoint a **Development Manager**, who will work across fundraising, individual giving and corporate relationships to achieve the ambitious targets necessary to realise the aspirations of the artistic and learning & participation programmes. This is a significant milestone in professionalising the organisation and represents an ongoing commitment to deliver the highest quality projects and events for people of all ages and background, with the conviction that great art is for everyone.

Further information is available at romanrivermusic.org.uk.