**Position: Orchestral Section Leader (Brass and Wind Instruments)  
Keele Philharmonic Orchestra, 2023-2024**

**Location: Keele University, Keele, ST5 5BG**

Role Summary:

As the Orchestral Section Leader for Brass and Wind Instruments, you will be responsible for leading and coordinating the brass and wind sections within the orchestra. Your role will be pivotal in ensuring a harmonious and cohesive sound by guiding, supporting, and inspiring fellow musicians. Your expertise, musicianship, and leadership skills will contribute to the overall success of the orchestra's performances.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Leadership: Serve as a role model and leader within the brass and wind sections, inspiring musicians to perform at their best and fostering a collaborative and respectful environment.

2. Section Coordination: Work closely with the conductor, other section leaders, student committee, and musicians to achieve a balanced and unified sound across the orchestra.

3. Rehearsals: Attend all rehearsals and actively participate in section rehearsals, providing guidance and feedback to musicians to enhance their individual and collective performance.

4. Performance Preparation: Ensure thorough preparation for performances by studying the repertoire, understanding the conductor's vision, and practicing your own instrument to maintain a high level of proficiency.

5. Communication: Maintain open and effective communication with the conductor, fellow section leaders, student committee, and musicians to ensure a smooth flow of information regarding musical interpretation, rehearsal schedules, and any specific requirements.

6. Artistic Excellence: Strive for artistic excellence by continuously improving your own skills, staying informed about new techniques and developments within your instrument's section, and sharing knowledge with fellow musicians.

7. Mentorship: Support the development and growth of less experienced musicians within the section, offering guidance, assistance, and encouragement.

8. Collaboration: Collaborate with other section leaders and musicians to maintain a balanced sound, blend, and intonation across the orchestra.

9. Performance Execution: Perform as part of the brass and wind sections during concerts, setting the tone and ensuring a cohesive and polished performance in alignment with the conductor's vision.

10. Professionalism: Demonstrate professionalism, dedication, and a positive attitude at all times, acting as an ambassador for the orchestra both on and off stage.

Requirements:

- Experience as a professional brass or wind musician, preferably within orchestral settings.

- Proficiency in playing the assigned instrument(s), showcasing technical mastery, musical sensitivity, and expressiveness.

- An understanding of both wind and brass instruments, even if specialising in only one.

- Leadership skills with the ability to motivate and guide fellow musicians effectively and to support musicians from a range of levels of competency.

- working and communicating with the student committee to plan out sectionals.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to foster a collaborative and positive working environment.

- Commitment to artistic excellence, continuous learning, and professional growth.

- Ability to adapt and work well under pressure during rehearsals and performances.

- Flexibility to accommodate varying rehearsal schedules and concert commitments.

- Desirable (but not essential) experience in conducting.

Schedule of rehearsals and performance:  
  
Semester 2.

\*25/01/24  
\*\*01/02/24  
08/02/24  
15/02/24  
22/02/24  
29/02/24  
07/03/24  
14/03/24

Performance date: 16/03/24 (rehearsal (afternoon) + performance (7-9pm) approx. 5 hours)  
  
Spring Vacation

Semester 3.

18/04/24  
25/04/24  
02/05/24  
09/05/24  
16/05/24  
23/05/24  
30/05/24  
06/06/24

Performance date: 08/06/24 (rehearsal (afternoon) + performance (7-9pm) approx. 5 hours)

\*Note: this will be the trial date as part of the selection process  
\*\*Note: contract might not be in place on this date following on from trials due to turn around time with HR.

Deadline for expression of interest: Friday 12 January 2024  
Please provide CV and covering letter with an overview covering your suitability for the role. Email: [k.m.jones@keele.ac.uk](mailto:k.m.jones@keele.ac.uk)   
  
FEE: £32.06/hr (including holiday pay)