

Morryston Orpheus Choir Press Release

New Musical Director Appointed

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For Immediate Release

The Morryston Orpheus Choir is delighted to announce the appointment of its ninth Musical Director, ahead of its 90th anniversary year in 2025.

Nathan Jones is a freelance musician working as a Music Director, Conductor, Orchestrator & Keyboard Player across the UK. Nathan studied a Master's in Composition at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, after an undergraduate degree at Swansea University. As well as his new home with the Morryston Orpheus, his other musical posts include Music Director for The Alternative Orchestra, based in his hometown of Aberdare, and Music Director of pop choir Rechoir, based in Cardiff, where Nathan now lives.

Nathan said: "I'm really looking forward to working with the Orpheus and harnessing the incredible sound of traditional Welsh male choir. I'm excited to explore how we continue to ensure our ensemble is both musically and culturally relevant in today's fast-paced music world, serving our choristers, audiences and the wider community."

Nathan was successful in a rigorous assessment process, including a competitive panel interview, conducting a full rehearsal, and professional appraisal. Morryston Orpheus Choir Chairman Keith Harding said: "The Morryston Orpheus Choir is delighted to announce the appointment of the hugely talented Nathan Jones as their new Musical Director. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with Nathan and we are greatly encouraged by the positive and exciting impact that he has already had on the choir."

Previous Musical Director Conal Bembridge-Sayers departed in December, to study for a PhD in music education, and the Morryston Orpheus Choir wishes him all the best in his future studies and endeavours.

Notes for editors:

The Morryston Orpheus Choir is an internationally renowned male voice choir based in Swansea, Wales. Since its formation in 1935 it has performed around the world, including in Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, Poland, Ireland, and manifest venues around the UK.

A blue silhouette of a castle or fortress, likely representing the Morryston Orpheus Choir's base in Swansea, Wales. It features a prominent central tower and several smaller structures.

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