

**Honorary Treasurer**

**RSNO Overview**

The Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) has an established history stretching back over a hundred years. It is one of Scotland’s national performing companies and an ensemble with a variety, quantity and quality of work that is unparalleled among British orchestras. The reputation of the Orchestra’s back catalogue, performance track record, its wide-ranging learning and engagement programme, the loyalty of its audience and supporters, and the passion of musicians, staff, directors are key assets in building a successful future.

In terms of structure, the RSNO is unique in being a hybrid of a self-governing orchestra and a managed orchestra. This ensures that the players, as the majority members of the Society, have the final say about who is elected to be a Director. The Board is autonomous and is empowered to make strategic decisions for the Society..

The Board employs the CEO and professional managers to manage the Society. The Board does not get involved in the operational issues which they have delegated to those managers. Therefore, the day to day running of the Society is the responsibility of the Chief Executive and the management team.

**Our Vision** Scotland’s Orchestra for all of Scotland’s people

**Our Mission** Our mission is to be a welcoming and open organisation that believes music can enrich lives. We create gathering points that engage, educate, entertain and move people no matter their life stage or circumstances. We link music with what matters and with moments of relevance for all of Scotland’s people and for our society.

**Our Values**

* Engage people through music and music-making, whatever their life stage or circumstance
* Be enthusiastic collaborators and work with partners to extend and enhance our mission
* Strive for excellence in our music-making upholding artistic integrity no matter where we are
* Listen and reflect the needs of Scotland’s diverse communities
* Recognise our role in creating a fairer, greener, more inclusive and sustainable Scotland
* Serve Scotland and its people at home and abroad
* Build on our heritage and innovate for our future
* Be fearless – we are never scared to change… never scared not to
* Endeavour to be open, warm, kind and supportive

Relevant qualifications in finance and accountancy and previous board experience are required for this role.

**Role Specific Responsibilities**

* To maintain effective governance of the organisation’s affairs, ensuring its financial viability and ensuring that proper processes and procedures exist for assuring all financial records, decisions and delegations are maintained.
* To assist and advise in the formation of the RSNO’s strategy with regard to ensuring that the organisation has the resources to deliver the strategy.
* To ensure that the Board receives appropriate budgetary and financial information on the activities of the charity including Annual Accounts.
* To ensure that all accounts are prepared and disclosed in the form required by funders and the relevant statutory bodies.
* To recommend to the Board appropriate accounting procedures, controls and policies consistent with the scheme of delegation.
* To oversee the appointment of auditors and review on a regular basis.
* To work in close partnership with the Chief Operating Officer in executing their responsibilities and achieving their goals.
* To ensure that the Board is aware of its financial duties and responsibilities and the need to comply with all legislation.
* To ensure that all financial policies, procedures and the appointment of external financial advisors are reviewed on a regular basis.
* To ensure that the organisation’s scheme of delegation is reviewed on a regular basis.
* To lead on RSNO risk management including risk register.
* To act as Chair of the Finance sub-committee of the Board.

**General responsibilities of the role**

* Act as an ambassador for the RSNO promoting awareness and interest in its work
* Contribute to the success of the RSNO by offering support and guidance related to the Society’s strategic objectives
* Ability to share strong networks and contacts in support of the RSNO
* Support the RSNO’s fundraising activities

**Terms of appointment**

* The role is unremunerated. Reasonable, pre-agreed travel expenses will be reimbursed.
* The successful candidate will be expected to undertake the appropriate legal responsibilities of a charity trustee and Elected Director

**Time Commitment**

* The initial appointment is for a three-year term. The maximum number of terms is two.
* There are approximately six board meetings per year and ten monthly Finance Committee meetings.
* Regular attendance at RSNO events is encouraged.