



Will Jeys is known as a conductor for his precision of technique, wide musical experience and for fostering a great sense of community amongst his musicians and colleagues. His programmes often entail both exciting pieces from the Western Classical canon, as well as other, lesser-known works from the modern era with a focus on sidelined composers, as well as composers from other musical cultures. Will's engagement as a conductor has been enriched having played trumpet in some of the UK's top orchestras and youth orchestras (such as the Hallé, the Duet Philharmonic Orchestra, the Oxford Festival Orchestra, and the National Youth Orchestras), as well as working in some of the most notable liturgical foundations in the country (such as Liverpool Anglican and Metropolitan Cathedrals, Christchurch Cathedral Oxford, and New College Chapel, Oxford). This has been supplemented by extensive work as a soloist, singer, chamber musician, jazz musician and teacher.

Will is currently the Principal Conductor of the Hertford College Orchestra in Oxford University, the Co-Conductor of the Oxford Festival Orchestra and the Senior Organ Scholar at Hertford College Oxford, where he leads the choir almost daily. Additionally, he has conducted the RNCM Symphony Orchestra, the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra, the Liverpool Mozart Players, the Duet Philharmonic Orchestra, and Ensemble ISIS. Along this path, he has conducted works including Bruckner 5, Mozart's *Requiem*, Mahler 5, Britten's *War Requiem*, Beethoven's *Mass in C*, Handel's *Messiah* and many more.

Born in Manchester, he attended the Manchester Grammar School alongside the Junior Department of the Royal Northern College of Music, where he was taught conducting by Ewa Strusińska. Through majoring in studies including conducting, trumpet, piano and voice, he earned the position of Organ Scholar at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral in his gap year, before moving to Oxford University with an Organ Scholarship to Hertford College. Among some of Will's mentors include Peter Stark, Dr Ian Tracey, Ewa Strusińska, Dr John Traill, Ronald Corp OBE and James Potter.