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Caius Lee appointed Director of College Music

The new full-time Director of College Music post at Worcester is fundamental to positioning music-making at the heart of the College's mission. Worcester is an inclusive and forward-looking institution where tradition and innovation go hand-in-hand and where every member of our community feels welcome, valued and respected. The Director of College Music is a key player in this community. The College Choir and its programme of Chapel services, concerts, tours and recordings lies at the heart of the Director's work: but there is so much more.



Worcester College is delighted to announce the appointment of Caius Lee, in whom we believe we have a Director of College Music possessing a strong sense of how much choral music, choral singing and all other forms of music making can enhance life for people of all faiths or none; someone who will foster and support a wealth of community music making in College as a charismatic mentor and advocate; someone who will curate the 'Music at Worcester' programme of events and concerts; and someone who will develop and deliver all kinds of musical outreach activities.



It is a great privilege to be appointed Director of College Music at Worcester and contribute to its continuous commitment to musical excellence, inclusion and outreach. I look forward to working with the fantastic choir and developing and leading music across the College community – as well as building upon links with Old Members, our local community and, of course, the Worcester choristers at Christ Church Cathedral School.

CAIUS LEE, INCOMING DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE MUSIC

Whether in Bradford or Cambridge or any of the other places he has travelled to, Caius brings surprising experience and constant inspiration. He has buckets of skill, drive, passion and exactly the kind of attitude we need to see music at Worcester thrive.

REVD MARCUS GREEN, CHAPLAIN



A proud Yorkshireman, Caius' early training in choral singing and as an organist came at Bradford and Leeds Cathedrals. By the age of 15, he had founded his own award-winning children's choir, setting out on a path that encompasses both advocacy for community singing opportunities and a specialism in historically informed singing and early music.



I am delighted to hear of Caius' appointment. Caius was an outstanding organ scholar at St Catherine's, an energetic, positive and creative spirit and always a characterful presence in the College community. His commitment to choral outreach is particularly impressive – impassioned and entrepreneurial in equal measure.



**DR EDWARD WICKHAM, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC,
ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**



During the interview process, Caius proved himself as a talented and inspiring choir trainer and communicator. I believe that Caius will grasp all the opportunities at Worcester College and achieve great things.

**BENJAMIN NICHOLAS,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD
AND MEMBER OF CAIUS' SELECTION PANEL**



I'm delighted to welcome Caius to Worcester. We are excited to be appointing a charismatic leader to take our choir and chapel music to the next level, as well as enabling music of every kind to develop and thrive in College. In Caius we are confident that we have found the perfect person to achieve our ambitions.

**DAVID ISAAC CBE,
PROVOST**



Caius read Music and was Organ Scholar at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, during which time he founded the Florence International Singing Programme. Since 2019, he has been a trustee for Awards for Young Musicians, supporting talented young musicians from low-income families. He has worked with choirs, festivals and played solo recitals in Europe, Asia and South America.

Returning to the Diocese of Leeds in 2021 as a Choral Director, Caius has been leading choirs again in his native Bradford. His passion for community engagement and choral excellence has recently been recognised with a Royal Society of Arts Fellowship (FRSA).

Caius joins the team at Worcester from Michaelmas Term 2023