

Director call: *Venus and Adonis* and *Dido and Aeneas*

HGO is seeking a Director to lead the company in its May 2022 double-bill production of Blow's *Venus and Adonis* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. Two casts, four performances each, plus possibility of two additional matinees of *Dido* only, between 20th and 29th May 2022 at the main auditorium of The Cockpit Theatre, Gateforth St., Marylebone NW8 8EH, using thrust layout (i.e. seating capacity of about 160, stage area about 6.6m x 8.9m.)

The production will be accompanied by an orchestra of period instruments. The music director is the conductor and early music specialist [Seb Gillot](#).

Applicants should have relevant experience of directing opera, and of all aspects of managing a creative team. They should appreciate that The Cockpit Theatre is a unique performing space. Please consult the [technical facilities on The Cockpit's own website](#) and the [Wikipedia article](#) about The Cockpit ; here is a [link to the images of the useable space](#).

The post will run from November to May (preparations, auditions, rehearsals, performances), and the combined fee for the Director (and an assistant if any) will be £4,000.

After agreement on a production budget, it will be the Director's responsibility to appoint a creative team, and to manage that budget accordingly on the agreed basis.

Applications should be made to David Conway, (Chairman HGO), and copied to Kathy Dallas, (HR, HGO) (david.conway@hgo.org.uk and 123kathy.dallas@gmail.com) and should comprise a CV and covering letter.

The closing date for applications is 8 October 2021 and it is intended to hold interviews in the period 18-20 October.

A maximum of six applicants will be accepted for interview, and notified by 13 October. At interview, applicants will be asked a series of questions which will include coverage of their directing ethos, their experience and approach to managing productions, and their vision for the operas.

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