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Chief Executive Officer of Sing for Pleasure: A Statement on Behalf of the Trustees

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to congratulate Manvinder Rattan on his appointment as Chief Executive of The Voices Foundation. This is a magnificent recognition of his skills, knowledge and expertise. Manvinder has been a committed and very effective CEO of Sing for Pleasure, having undertaken his own conductor training with the organisation three decades ago. Since then he has inspired many foundation, intermediate and advanced conductors using the techniques that he himself learned from Jim Wild and John Coates, amongst many others. We were very proud when he was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal Schools of Music in Choral Directing earlier this year - one of a very select group nationally.

Manvinder's appointment will strengthen the links that already exist between Sing for Pleasure and The Voices Foundation. He will remain as our Head of Conductor Training but will step down as CEO.

The Trustees have met over recent weeks and have had individual discussions with all members of the Management Team to develop a way forward; I am pleased to announce that Stephen Gregson has agreed to take on the role of Interim CEO for a year from September 2021.

Stephen is well known to members of SfP as a conductor, trainer and for his dedicated, insightful and effective chairing of the Trustees for many years during some challenging times. He has broad leadership experience, knowledge of the organisation and the respect of Trustees, Management Team and members. We are very grateful for his sustained commitment to SfP and passion for ensuring its continued success. During the next few months we will have an opportunity to develop a vision for the future, in a post-COVID world, and appoint a CEO to provide the vision and leadership for the coming years.

It is sad to be losing Manvinder from the SfP CEO role but this is a great development for him personally, and for us as the leading choral organisation for conductor training in the UK. We will be able to mark his contribution to SfP appropriately at Summer School this year. We are very grateful for all that Manvinder has done to continue the evolution of Sing for Pleasure whilst ensuring that high standards are maintained in conductor training, events and publications with the support of a highly skilled and experienced Management Team. Manvinder's contribution to singing nationally and internationally has already been immense and will be further strengthened by this new post.

Miles Wallis-Clarke
Chair of Trustees, The Trust for Sing for Pleasure



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