

Constitution of the Kingston Philharmonia

1. Name

The name of the Orchestra shall be the Kingston Philharmonia (hereinafter called "the Orchestra")

2. Objects

The objects of the Orchestra shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain

- 1) education and training in orchestral performance
- 2) public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects (and in particular orchestral music) by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and in such other ways as the Orchestra shall determine from time to time.

3. Membership

There will be two categories of membership, playing and non-playing, the latter being designated friends or patrons of the Kingston Philharmonia. Playing members of the Orchestra shall be those persons whom the committee shall admit and who pay such subscription as the Orchestra shall determine. Friends or Patrons of the Orchestra shall be those persons who pay such subscription as shall be from time to time determined by the Orchestra.

4. Officers and Committee

The management of the Orchestra shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer ("the Officers") and such other members as may be elected by the Orchestra at its annual general meeting or co-opted by the committee. All officers and committee members shall hold office for one year or, in the case of co-opted officers or members, until the next annual general meeting of the Orchestra. All Officers and Committee members are eligible for re-election.

5. Management

The Committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Orchestra and shall act at all times in the interests of the Orchestra and in accordance with any resolutions passed by the Orchestra in general meeting. A quorum at committee meetings shall be four.

6. Conductor/Musical Director and Leader

For the purpose of carrying out its aforesaid objects the Orchestra may employ the services of a conductor and/or musical director and leader at such reasonable remuneration as the Committee on behalf of the Orchestra may determine. Neither the conductor/musical director nor the leader may be an Officer of the Orchestra or member of the Committee nor have any vote at Orchestra or Committee meetings, but each may, by invitation, attend and speak at all such meetings.

7. Finance

- a) The financial year shall end on 31st August.
- b) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Orchestra and cheques shall be signed by any two Officers of the Orchestra.
- c) The Orchestra may seek and receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the public.
- d) The income and property of the Orchestra shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid either directly or indirectly to any member of the Orchestra except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Orchestra.

8. Dissolution

In the event of the Orchestra being wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to the Orchestra.

9. General Meeting

- a) Within six weeks of the end of each financial year the members of the Orchestra shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least 14 days notice in writing shall have been given.
- b) At any other time the committee or at least 10 paid up members of the Orchestra may call for a general meeting of the Orchestra; at least 14 days notice in writing of such meeting shall be given.
- c) At any general meeting of the Orchestra the chairman shall preside. In the absence of the chairman, or if he be unwilling or unable to preside, the first business of the meeting shall be to elect a person to preside at the meeting.
- d) Save as hereinafter provided all business at a general meeting will be conducted by simple majority of paid up members present and voting; in the event of an equality of votes the chairman will have a second or casting vote.
- e) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 10 paid up members.

10. Audited Accounts

The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

11. Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting at an annual general or other general meeting provided that the proposed amendment is in writing and is circulated with notice of the meeting as aforesaid. No amendment can be authorised which would have the effect of the Orchestra ceasing to be a charity.