

CHELTENHAM MUSIC SOCIETY
(Registered Charity no. 279209)

REVISED CONSTITUTION APPROVED AT AGM ON 30 MAY 2013

1. TITLE

The name of the Society shall be the Cheltenham Music Society hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the Society through its Committee shall determine from time to time.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Society in any year shall be those who have purchased subscription tickets for the whole or part of any concert series promoted by the Society.

4. OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Membership Secretary (the officers) and up to seven other members. The officers and members of the Committee shall be the Trustees of the Society, with the responsibilities laid down in current UK charity legislation. The officers and Committee members shall be elected by the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for further periods of three years. The Committee may at their discretion co-opt further members during the period between AGMs, but they shall not become Trustees unless and until duly elected at an AGM.

5. MANAGEMENT

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.

6. FINANCE

- a) The financial year shall end on the 31st March or the date of the final concert in the season, whichever is the later.
- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques may be signed by any two Trustees of the Society.
- c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.
- d) The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above

and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

7. DISSOLUTION

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

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within three months after the end of each financial year. All members from the immediately preceding season shall be entitled to attend and vote.

b) A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Committee whenever they think fit and shall be convened on a requisition made in writing by any ten or more members stating the object of the proposed meeting.

c) At least fourteen days' notice in writing of all General Meetings shall be given to members.

9. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts shall be audited or examined as required by current legislation, or, if there is no such requirement, scrutinised by a person who is independent of the Committee.

10. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided always that no alteration be made to Clause 2, Clause 7, or this Clause without the prior approval of the Charity Commission and no alteration shall be made which would cause the Society to cease to be a charity at law.