

**BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA'S SUPPORTERS CLUB**  
**CONSTITUTION**

1. TITLE

The Name of the Club shall be the BBC Concert Orchestra's Supporters Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club).

2. OBJECT

The object of the Club shall be to encourage public interest in the art and science of music, especially through the support of the BBC Concert Orchestra

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Club shall be the BBC Concert Orchestra and those who agree to abide by the Club's Constitution and who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate, and have been accepted for membership by whomsoever an Executive Committee may decide upon from time to time.

4. PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

The President and Vice President shall be elected for a period of three years. Thereafter they shall be eligible for re-election subject to the approval of members at a General meeting.

5. PATRONS

Patrons shall be appointed when and as suggested by an Executive Committee, subject to the approval of members at a General Meeting.

6. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- (i) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of representatives of the Orchestra and members of the Club. This Committee shall not exceed 20; 10 from the Orchestra and 10 from the membership.
- (ii) The quorum at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be four.
- (iii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to hold property belonging to the Club.
- (iv) The Executive Committee shall be elected by Club members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (v) The Executive Committee shall elect from amongst their number a Chairman who shall chair their meetings and other meetings of the Club. The Chairman shall be entitled to both a vote as a member of the Committee and a casting vote.
- (vi) A Member's Catering Committee shall be elected from within the membership by the Executive Committee.
- (vii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes.

7. FINANCE

- (i) The financial year shall end of December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (ii) The bank account shall be maintained in the name of the Club. Cheques shall be signed by two authorised members of the Executive Committee.
- (iii) The financial accounts shall be prepared and submitted to members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (iv) The Executive Committee shall determine subscription rates, such sums to be payable in advance.

- (v) The Club may receive donations, grants in aid, covenants and any financial guarantees.
- (vi) The income and property of the Club, from whatever source it is derived, shall be applied solely toward promoting the object of the Club. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to any member or members of the Club, except in payment of legitimate fees and expenses incurred on behalf of the Club as approved by the Executive Committee.
- (vii) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after all liabilities have been discharged, shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Club, but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Club and whose rules preclude distribution of income and assets amongst its members.

#### 8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 9 months of the end of each financial year.
- (ii) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee at any time upon the request of not less than 15 members.
- (iii) At least 21 days notice of any General Meeting shall be given in writing to all members.
- (iv) The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 20 members.
- (v) At General meetings, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (vi) Notes shall be kept of all General Meetings and shall be available to all members upon request.
- (vii) Any member unable to attend any General Meetings may register proxy votes in writing to the Executive Committee.

#### 9. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting provided that:-

- (i) 21 days notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members.
- (ii) The amendment is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.