

# **Rules and Constitution of the Allegri Singers**

(Registered Charity No. 287271)

## **1. Title**

The name of the Society shall be the **ALLEGRI SINGERS**, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

## **2. Objects**

The objects 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 Committee shall determine from time to time.

## **3. Membership**

The members of the Society shall be those persons who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rates as shall be recommended by the Committee and voted on by members at an AGM or Special Meeting, the subscriptions being payable in advance, and (in the case of performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee may require.

## **4. Officers and Committee**

- a) The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, who may or may not be subscribing members of the Society. These Officers, who each have one vote, are hereinafter referred to as the Managing Committee.
- b) The Conductor will be appointed by the members of the Society with full voting rights during the term of appointment, and will be an “ex officio” member of the Managing Committee.
- c) The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year from that date and be eligible for re-election.
- d) The Managing Committee may co-opt members or other persons onto the Committee at any time. Co-option will continue for any period set by the Managing Committee or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever period is shorter.

## **5. Management**

All the arrangements for concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Managing Committee, other than the responsibility for any musical programme or content, which will be the sole responsibility of the Conductor.

## **6. Finance**

- a) The financial year shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two Officers 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 wheresoever 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 payment of legitimate expense incurred on behalf of the Society.
- e) In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Society but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members.
- f) The members shall not be held personally liable for any loss incurred by the Society through any concert or other event. Except that, if the funds of the Society are insufficient to meet any loss, the members may, at a Special General Meeting, agree to make a contribution towards the cost, which contributions may not in any case exceed the amount of the annual subscription.

## **7. General Meeting**

Members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting to be held in September, or to any other General Meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice has been given either in writing or orally at a meeting of the Society in rehearsal. It shall not be necessary to give notice individually to each member. A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of members by presentation of a request to the Chairman, signed by at least one third of the members and giving at least fourteen days' notice.

## **8. Audited Accounts**

The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at an Annual General Meeting and an Auditor shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

## **9. Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity. No amendment should be made to this clause, clause 6(e) or clause 2 without the written consent in advance of the Charity Commissioners.

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