



CHESTERFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Constitution

Amended 31 October 2000

1 Title:

The name of the Society shall be Chesterfield Symphony Orchestra hereinafter referred to as the Society.

2 Objects:

The objects of the Society shall be to encourage the participation in and appreciation of, orchestral music by presentation of public concerts and by such other means as the Society, through its Committee, shall determine from time to time.

3 Membership:

The members of the Society shall be those who pay the annual subscription as determined by the Committee. Performing members shall be of an acceptable musical standard.

4 Officers and Committee:

The management of the Society shall be directed by a Committee comprising a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and five other members all of whom shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.

5 Management:

All arrangements for 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 31 August.
- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two signatories from the officers of the Society and a member of the committee nominated by the committee.
- c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees; and tickets for its concerts shall be offered for sale to the public.
- d) The income and property of the Society whensoever 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 expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

7 Dissolution:

In the event of the Society being dissolved any remaining assets, after the payment of proper debts and liabilities, shall be transferred to a charitable institution whose aims and objectives are similar to those of the Society.

8 Annual General Meetings:

Within six weeks of the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days notice in writing shall be given.

A Special General Meeting may be called by four or more members who shall give fourteen days notice of the reasons in writing to all the members.

9 Audited Accounts:

The financial accounts shall be audited or examined to the extent required by legislation, or if there is no such requirement, scrutinised by a person who is independent of the committee and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

10 Amendments:

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided that nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall prevent the Society remaining a charity.