

THE LAKELAND SINFONIA CONCERT SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1 TITLE

The name of the Society shall be The Lakeland Sinfonia Concert Society ('the Society'). The abbreviated name 'Lakeland Sinfonia' may be used for convenience and publicity purposes.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be to educate the public in the art and science of instrumental music and in particular to:-

- (i) promote orchestral concerts in South Lakeland, particularly in Kendal, and,
- (ii) manage a chamber orchestra formed of players principally from Cumbria and North Lancashire, and other areas, as necessary, to take part in such concerts, for as long as the Society considers such an orchestra viable.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Society shall be those who pay an annual membership fee, as determined by the Society from time to time ('the Members').

Membership shall commence on the 1st September of each year, for a period of twelve months.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Society shall be managed by a Committee ('the Committee') consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Artists' Secretary, and Treasurer and up to six other members ('the Trustees'). The Trustees shall be elected by the 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. Any post may be shared by no more than two people.

5. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Committee shall have the power to invite a distinguished person to become the non-executive President of the Society, and, to appoint persons who have given substantial assistance to the Society, as non-executive Vice-Presidents.

6. POWER TO CO-OPT AND APPOINT

The Committee shall have power to co-opt a member or members onto the Committee for the period up to the next Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall also have the power to appoint individuals to fulfil posts to enable the Society to meet its Objects.

7. FINANCE

The financial year shall end on the 30th April.

Bank accounts shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques signed by any two officers of the Society, nominated by the Trustees.

The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any and all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.

All income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards promoting the Objects of the Society and no portion shall be paid or transferred to any Member or Members of the Society either directly or indirectly except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income or assets among its members.

8 GENERAL MEETINGS

(i) Annual General Meetings

Within twelve weeks of the end of the financial year the Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days notice in writing shall be given. An announcement in a normal concert programme shall be taken as written notice.

The purpose of the Annual General meeting shall be to:

Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

Receive the annual report of the Chairman

Receive the inspected accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

Elect an Inspector of Accounts

Elect the Officers of the Society; Chairman, Secretary; Artists' Secretary, Treasurer and any other Officers the Committee feel necessary for the efficient administration of the Society, and other Trustees.

Receive the Annual Reports of other Officers of the Society

Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting

(ii) Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not fewer than 25 Members of the Society. At least 14 days' notice of the meeting shall be given. An announcement in a normal concert programme shall be taken as written notice.

(iii) QUORUM

Five Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Society's business at meetings of the Trustees or of the Members.

9 INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS

The financial accounts shall be inspected in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

10 AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of Members present at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called for that specific purpose, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all Members and provided that no changes or additions made to the constitution shall prejudice the Society's status as a charity.

7th June 2007