

Chiswick *Choir* Constitution

1 TITLE

The name of the Choir shall be The Chiswick Choir, hereinafter referred to as the Choir.

2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Choir shall be to educate the public in the arts and sciences, particularly the art and science of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities.

3 MEMBERSHIPS

The members of the Choir shall be those persons who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee, the subscription 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

The management of the Choir shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Musical Director (MD) (ex-officio) and other members. The Officers (except for the MD) and other members shall be elected by and out of the Choir members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year. The Chairman and the other members may not serve more than three consecutive years.

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 PERFORMANCES

Performing members who are absent for 3 or more of the rehearsals for a concert may be auditioned before they sing in that concert.

7 FINANCE

(a) The financial year shall end on 31st July

(b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Choir, and cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other officer of the Committee.

(c) The Choir may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.

(d) The income and property of the Choir wherever it derives shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Choir as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member of the Choir except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Choir.

(e) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Choir any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the Choir but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Choir and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members.

8 GENERAL MEETING

Within thirteen 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 have been given.

9 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at an Annual General Meeting. One Auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

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 also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Choir ceasing to be a Charity.