

WAGNER SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society shall be “The Wagner Society of Scotland” (hereinafter called “the Society”).
2. The objects of the Society shall be to advance the education of the public in the art of music and in particular in the life and works of Richard Wagner by the presentation of public performances and other related activities. In furtherance of the above objects, the Society shall seek: -
 - i. the promotion of events such as operatic performances, concerts, recitals, lectures, talks, study periods and residential courses, films, videos, and other means of communication;
 - ii. the publication of scholarly or informative items of interest relevant to the said life and works;
 - iii. the establishment, maintenance and administration of a Scholarship Fund for the assistance, education or otherwise for the benefit of young musicians and students and in particular to enable them to study or practice abroad;

and to do such acts or things as are incidental to the attainment of the primary object of the Society.

3. In pursuance of the objects of the Society, the committee shall have the following powers:
 - i. power to raise funds and to invite contributions;
 - ii. power to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the Society with repayment of the money so borrowed;
 - iii. power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;
 - iv. power to appoint and constitute such advisory sub-committees as the committee may think fit; and
 - v. power to do such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.
4. An annual general meeting of the members of the Society shall be held within three months of the end of each financial year for the purposes of receiving the annual report of the committee, of considering the audited accounts, of electing honorary officers, auditor(s) and members of the committee, and of conducting any other competent business.
5. The chairman or the committee may in their discretion call an ordinary general meeting, subject to the provisions of clause 8(iv). The secretary shall call an ordinary general meeting within twenty one days of receiving a written request to do so signed by not less than twenty members.
6. At the annual general meeting (AGM) the members of the Society shall appoint a chairman, treasurer, secretary and other such officers (“the honorary officers”) as they shall decide. Casual vacancies among the honorary officers shall be appointed by the committee to be ratified at the next AGM.
7. The Society shall be managed by a committee consisting of the honorary officers and up to five members elected at the annual general meeting. The committee may co-opt any member to fill any casual vacancy arising during the year, to be ratified at the next annual general meeting.
8. Meetings of the Society shall be conducted as follows:
 - i. The chairman or person presiding at any meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
 - ii. The quorum of any general meeting of the Society shall be ten and at any committee meeting shall be three.

- iii. The secretary shall keep minutes of general meetings of the Society and of the committee.
 - iv. Not less than 14 days' notice in writing of meetings shall be sent to members of the Society.
9. The financial arrangements for the Society shall be as follows:
- i. The financial year of the Society shall run from the first day of October to the last day of September.
 - ii. The treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Society.
 - iii. Members shall pay such subscriptions as the committee shall decide.
 - iv. At the end of each financial year the accounts shall be examined.
 - v. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the objects of the Society and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Society and fees to professional and technical advisers or the repayment to members of the committee of reasonable out of pocket expenses.
10. If the committee decides that on grounds of expense or otherwise it is desirable that the Society be dissolved, it shall call a special general meeting of the Society by giving twenty one days' notice in writing to each member, stating the terms of any resolution to be proposed thereat. If it is decided by simple majority of those present and voting that the Society shall be dissolved, the committee shall wind up the Society's affairs, and any assets remaining after satisfaction of any liabilities properly payable thereout shall be given to such other charitable organisation or organisations having like object or objects as the committee shall in its absolute discretion decide.
11. This constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by those present and voting at any general meeting of the Society, provided that notice of the meeting in writing, stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed thereat, shall have been sent to all members of the Society not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
12. This constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on the thirtieth day of November 2014 at the Edinburgh Society of Musicians, 3 Belford Road, Edinburgh.

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