

BLYTH VALLEY CHAMBER MUSIC

CONSTITUTION

dated 18 May 1992

with revisions to 11 December 2011

confirmation of registration 26 March 1993

registered charity number 1019300

1. NAME

The name of the Society is 'Blyth Valley Chamber Music' (hereinafter called 'the Society').

2. OBJECT

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of chamber music in all its aspects by the presentation of professional public concerts and by such other ways 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 at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee, all subscriptions being payable in advance.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE *

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer, a Concert Organiser (the 'Officers') and no more than three other members; the Officers and other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year, except the Concert Organiser who holds office for three years: all are eligible for re-election. The Concert Organiser may, at his/her discretion, plan concert programmes during the period six years from his/her election. When the Concert Organiser is elected for a final three-year period, a Deputy shall also be elected who will be largely responsible for planning concert programmes during the period four to six years ahead.

5. MANAGEMENT

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee; programming and overall musical direction, including the selection of artists, the negotiation of their contracts and the repertoire to be performed, shall be in the hands of the Concert Organiser.

6. FINANCE

a) The financial year shall end on September 30th.

b) A banking or Building Society 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, loans, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all of its concerts shall be offered for sale to the public.

d) The income and property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth 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 wound up, any assets remaining upon dissolution after the payment of proper debts and liabilities shall be transferred to a charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Society.

8. GENERAL MEETING *

Within four months 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.

9. AUDITED ACCOUNTS *

The financial accounts shall be audited or examined to the extent required by legislation or, if there is no such requirement, scrutinized by a person 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 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 have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

Details of amendments

** clause 4 originally read:*

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, an Hon. Secretary, an Hon. Treasurer, a Concert Director, (the 'Officers') and no more than three other members; the Officers and other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting; they shall hold office for one year, except for the Concert Director who shall hold office for three years, and shall be eligible for re-election.

The present wording, and replacement of 'Concert Director' by 'Concert Organiser', was adopted by the Annual General Meeting on 11 December 2011.

** clause 8 originally read: Within six weeks of the end . . .*

The present wording was adopted by the Annual General Meeting on 11 December 2011.

** clause 9 originally read:*

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

The present wording was adopted by the Annual General Meeting on 27 November 1997.