

BLACKPOOL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONSTITUTION (Version 22/10/2020)

1. TITLE

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

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of orchestral music in all its aspects by the presentation of public orchestral concerts and by such other ways as the Society through its Executive Committee shall determine from time to time.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Society shall be those who pay an annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance. Performing members shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Executive Committee may require.

4. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The management of the Society shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will consist of the following Officers: Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not more than seven other members.

The Officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members and Patrons at the Annual General Meeting and they shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election, except that the Chairman and Honorary Secretary shall not hold office for a period of more than six years continuously. The Officers will however be eligible for election to any other office on the Executive Committee on retirement.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members should they consider it necessary.

5. MANAGEMENT

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee.

6. FINANCE

The financial year shall end on 31 August.

Finances must be managed through a bank account/s in the name of the society and outgoing payments must be authorised by a minimum of two named signatories.

The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the public. The income and property of the Society whencesoever 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 out of pocket 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 as may be approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

8. GENERAL MEETING

Within ten 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.

9. ACCOUNTS

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

10. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by 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.

11. QUORUM

The Quorum at a meeting of the Society, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee, shall be one quarter of the Society or Executive Committee, or such other number as the Society may from time to time decide.

12. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be called giving 14 days' notice in writing upon the written demand of three Members, or by the President or Chairman, or by the Executive Committee. Every such notice shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at such meetings.

13. DISPUTE OR EMERGENCY

In case of dispute or emergency the Executive Committee has the power to decide upon any question arising on the construction of this Constitution, or upon any matter not provided for in this Constitution without calling a General Meeting.

Previous amendments

3/10/2013 The office of President was removed from the constitution from para 4.
22/10/2020 Replaced 'A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two of four named signatories' with 'Finances must be managed through a bank account/s in the name of the society and outgoing payments must be authorised by a minimum of two named signatories'