

FRIENDS OF SALISBURY AREA YOUNG MUSICIANS

CONSTITUTION

TITLE

For all constitutional and financial matters the name of the society shall be FRIENDS OF SALISBURY AREA YOUNG MUSICIANS (the 'Society').

AIM

To support and publicise all activities of Salisbury Area Young Musicians.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain in children up to and including the age of 19 years, education in, appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of, and making and performing of music in all its aspects. This to be achieved by the provision of regular ensemble rehearsals and classes leading to the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the Society through its committee shall from time to time determine. In furtherance of these objects but not further or otherwise the Society will have the following powers:-

- (a) to receive money from subscriptions, donations and fund raising provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable objects.
- (b) to consult with, and to make recommendations to, the Musical Director and teaching staff as appointed by Wiltshire Music Service
- (c) to invite and accept patrons of Friends of Salisbury Area Young Musicians.
- (d) To do all such other lawful things as shall further the said objects.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all those up to and including 19 years of age who would like to sing and/or play a musical instrument and their parents/guardians.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The management of the society shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of:-

- (a) not more than 12 or less than 6 parents/guardians of members
- (b) a number of co-opted members as required, to a maximum of 5, co-opted members will be afforded full voting rights at the discretion of the parent/guardian committee members
- (c) The Musical Director and one other member of the teaching staff shall be ex-officio members of the committee

The Committee members shall be elected by, and out of, the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year after which they shall be eligible for re-election. From amongst its Members the Committee shall at the first committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting appoint a Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Secretary. At its meetings a quorum of the Committee shall be six of its serving members.

MANAGEMENT

All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finance will be in the hands of the Committee, save that the Musical Director alone (but in consultation with the Wiltshire Music Service) shall have the responsibility for deciding the number, nature and membership of the ensembles and the programmes of the musical events and all matters connected with the performing of the ensembles.

FINANCE

- (a) The financial year shall end on the 31st day of July
- (b) a banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society. Any two of the Honorary Treasurer and two other designated members shall sign cheques.
- (c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid, financial guarantees, and ticket income from concerts and other events.
- (d) the income and property of the Society shall be used 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 of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

GENERAL MEETINGS

A General Meeting shall be held annually in the Autumn Term at which

- (a) the Committee will submit a report of its activities during the previous year.
- (b) the Honorary Treasurer will submit a Statement of Account for the previous financial year which has been independently examined.
- (c) the Musical Director will submit a report on the ensembles' activities during the previous year.
- (d) Elections will be held for members of the Committee and trustees for the charity

All elections shall be conducted by ballot if more than one person is standing. Nominations for election to the Committee may be received from any member of the Society and Members may also submit their own names for election.

DISSOLUTION

The Society may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extra-Ordinary General meeting convened for the purpose, of which twenty one days notice shall have been given to the Members.

Such Resolution shall give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Society, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having an object similar to some or all of the objects of the Society or, if and so far as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purpose.

AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at an Annual or Extra-Ordinary meeting, provided fourteen days notice of the proposed amendments 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.