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### **1. Scope of the Rules**

- (1) These rules of membership (“Rules”) have been made by the trustees of Corinthian Chamber Orchestra (the “Orchestra” or “Charity”) pursuant to clause 29 of the constitution of its (the “Constitution”) and adopted by the Charity.
- (2) Terms defined in the Constitution have the same meaning in these Rules. If there is any conflict between these Rules and the Constitution, then the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.
- (3) These Rules have been promulgated to regulate the following matters:
  - (a) the admission of members of the Charity (including the admission of organisations to membership) (each a “Member” and together “Members”);
  - (b) the rights, privileges and obligations of Members (including the subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by Members); and
  - (c) the termination of membership.
- (4) These Rules are binding on all Members.

### **2. Membership Criteria**

- (1) Membership is open to any individual over eighteen who is:
  - (a) a player in the Orchestra (an “Orchestra Player”) who has played in the orchestra for not less than ten consecutive concerts and who demonstrates an interest in furthering the Objects, or
  - (b) other non-playing persons who demonstrate an interest in furthering the Objects,in each case, as approved from time to time by the Trustees.
- (2) Membership is also open to any organisation which is approved by the Trustees.
- (3) The Trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the Charity to refuse the application. The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision. The Trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees’ decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.
- (4) No individual shall be excluded from membership of the Charity on the grounds of sex, race, colour, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability or political affiliation.

### **3. Rights, privileges and obligations of Members**

- (1) Members shall have all the rights and privileges conferred on them as members set out in the Constitution.

- (2) In the case of an individual, membership does not confer on that Member any right to play in the Orchestra or participate in its management.
- (3) Any Member who is an Orchestra Player shall pay a subscription to the Orchestra in an amount set by the trustees from time to time.

#### **4. Termination of Membership**

- (1) A Member's membership shall automatically terminate if:
  - (a) the member dies or, if it is an organisation, ceases to exist; or
  - (b) the member resigns by written notice to the Charity unless, after the resignation, there would be less than two members.
- (2) The Trustees may by notice in writing to a Member terminate his membership immediately (or at any time stated in the notice) if:
  - (a) being an Orchestra Player, the Member, having been invited to do so, fails to play in more than four concerts in any one Season or eight concerts in any two consecutive Seasons; or
  - (b) any sum due from the member to the Charity is not paid in full within six months of it falling due;
- (3) A Member may also be removed from membership by a resolution of the Trustees that it is in the best interests of the Charity that his or her membership is terminated. Such a resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:
  - (a) the Member has been given at least twenty one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed;
  - (b) the Member or, at the option of the Member, the Member's representative (who need not be a member of the Charity) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

#### **5. Transfer of Membership**

Membership is not transferable to anyone else.

#### **6. Register of Members**

- (1) The Trustees keep a register of names and addresses of the Members.
- (2) On reasonable notice, a Member the register of members will be made available to any Member upon request.

#### **7. Notices**

- (1) Any notice required by these Rules to be given to or by any person must be:
  - (a) in writing; or
  - (b) given using electronic communications.
- (2) The Charity may give any notice to a member either:
  - (a) personally; or

- (b) by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his or her address; or
  - (c) by leaving it at the address of the member; or
  - (d) by giving it using electronic communications to the member's address.
- (3) A Member who does not register an address with the Charity or who registers only a postal address that is not within the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to receive any notice from the Charity.
- (4) A member present in person at any meeting of the Charity shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and of the purposes for which it was called.
- (5)
- (a) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.
  - (b) Proof that a notice contained in an electronic communication was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.
  - (c) A notice shall be deemed to be given 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted or, in the case of an electronic communication, 48 hours after it was sent.