

CONSTITUTION OF: **LEEDS HAYDN PLAYERS**

ADOPTED ON: 5th July 2023

1 Name.

The name of the Group shall be **Leeds Haydn Players**

2 Aims.

The aims of the Group shall be to explore a) the symphonic works of Haydn and his contemporaries and b) repertoire from earlier and later periods suitable for a chamber orchestra.

3 Powers - In order to achieve its aims the Group may:

- a. Raise money
- b. Open bank accounts
- c. Take out insurance.
- d. Engage conductors and soloists.
- e. Hire rehearsal and concert venues
- f. Organise rehearsals and concerts.
- g. Work with other groups and exchange information
- h. Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims.

4 Membership

- (a) Membership of the Group shall be open to any person over 18 who is interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims, invited by the committee and willing to abide by the rules of the Group and willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Management Committee.*
- (b) Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.*
- (c) Every individual member and each organisation shall have one vote at General Meetings.*
- (d) The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Management Committee but the member has a right to be heard by the Management Committee before a final decision is made.*

5 Management

- (a) The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of the Officers and not more than 6 other members elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM).*
- (b) The Officers of the Management Committee shall be the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.*
- (c) The Management Committee shall meet at least 6 times a year.*
- (d) The Chairperson shall Chair all meetings of the Group.*
- (e) The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be 3 members.*
- (f) Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.*
- (g) The Management Committee may by a two-thirds majority vote and for a good and proper reason remove any Committee member, provided that person has the right to be heard before a final decision is made.*
- (h) The Management Committee may appoint another member as a committee member to fill a vacancy provided the maximum number is not exceeded.*

6 Duties of the Officers

(a) The duties of the Chairperson are to:

- chair meetings of the Committee and the Group*
- represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to*
- act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary*
- deal with correspondence and circulate with the Group.*
- maintain a membership list in conjunction with the other officers.*

(b) The duties of the Secretary are to:

- take and keep minutes of meetings*
- prepare the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group in consultation with the Chairperson*

(c) The duties of the Treasurer are to:

- supervise the financial affairs of the Group.*
- deal with correspondence and circulate with the Group.*
- keep proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the Group*

7 Finance

- (a) Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group.*
- (b) Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.*
- (c) Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.*
- (d) Any income and property of the group shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects and aims of the group. The division of profits or assets among group members is prohibited.*

8 Annual General Meeting

- (a) *The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) in the 1st quarter of the season.*
- (b) *All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the A.G.M. and shall be entitled to attend and vote. The quorum for an AGM shall be 10 members.*
- (c) *The business of the A.G.M. shall include:*
- (i) receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group's activities over the year*
 - (ii) receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group*
 - (iii) electing a new Management Committee and*
 - (iv) considering any other matter as may be decided.*

9 Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by any 6 members to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote.

10 Alterations to the Constitution

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting.

11 Dissolution

The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of the Leeds Haydn Players being wound up, any assets remaining after the payment of debts and liabilities will be transferred to a not for profit organisation with similar musical objectives. No remaining assets will be distributed to members.

**This constitution was adopted at a general meeting of the Group on
5th July 2023**

Signed by:

Chairperson: 

Secretary: 

Treasurer: 

Other Committee members: 