

MICKLEGATE SINGERS CONSTITUTION (adopted 3 May 1972)

Registered Charity No. 504704

- 1 **Title** The name of the society shall be The Micklegate Singers.
- 2 **Objects** The objects of the society shall be to educate the public in the arts and science of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities.
- 3 **Membership** The members of the society shall be those persons who pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the committee, the subscription being payable in advance, and (in the case of performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the committee may require.
- 4 **Officers & Committee** (amended 29.4.76, 14.5.87, 6.10.94, 9.10.08) The management of the society shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of a chairman, an honorary secretary, and an honorary treasurer and at least two 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 and be eligible for re-election, except that committee members other than officers shall not serve for more than three consecutive years. The committee shall be empowered to co-opt on to the committee, but co-opted members will not have voting rights and will not be considered Trustees of the Society.
- 5 **Management** All the arrangements for the concerts and other events and the control of finances shall be in the hands of the committee.
- 6 **Musical Director** (added 7.10.93) The committee shall have the power to appoint and dismiss a musical director, who will receive an honorarium the amount of which shall be reviewed annually. The musical director's duties will include:
 - Attending committee meetings and advising on forward programming
 - Directing rehearsals of which a number may be missed by agreement with the committee without loss of honorarium
 - Conducting at concerts
 - Auditioning choir members
- 7 **Finance** (amended 14.5.87,) 9.10.08)
 - (a) The financial year shall end on 31 August
 - (b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the society and cheques shall be signed by two of the designated signatories, one of whom shall be an officer. The designated signatories shall be the three officers of the society and any other elected committee members the committee shall decide.
 - (c) The society may receive donations, grants in aid, and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may 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 above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any members of the society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the society
 - (e) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any member or members of the society but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members
- 8 **General Meeting** Within six weeks of the end of the financial year the members shall be summoned to an Annual General Meeting of which at least fourteen days' notice in writing shall have been given.
- 9 **Audited Accounts** The financial accounts shall be audited and submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10 **Amendments** The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to all members and provided also that nothing therein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the society ceasing to be a charity.