

ARGYLL AND BUTE CONCERT TOURS

(Scottish Charity No. SCO 21417)

Name and Nature

The group shall be called "Argyll and Bute Concert Tours" and is an independent voluntary association whose members are supported by Enterprise Music Scotland and the Scottish Arts Council.

Membership

The membership of the group shall be composed of Bute Arts Society, Cowal Music Club, Islay Arts Association, Kintyre Music Club, Mid Argyll Arts Association and Oban Music Society. New organisations having charitable status set up within the Argyll and Bute Council area or its successor Local Authority area may be admitted at the discretion of the existing members.

Purpose

The advancement of the education of the public and in furtherance thereof but not otherwise without prejudice to the generality:

1. The promotion in Argyll and Bute through multiple engagements of performances by professional artists and larger groups which would otherwise be outwith the financial resources of its individual members.
2. Within the constraints of mounting programmes attractive to the general musical public, the promotion of performances of less frequently heard works in the Classical and Romantic repertoire as well as, occasionally, contemporary works.
3. To encourage young artists, especially those living and working in Scotland, and to make available to the schools in the group's area the advice and experience of professional musicians.
4. To encourage music and arts festivals and other such activities as may be conducive to the wider enjoyment and appreciation of music and the arts.
5. Within the financial limitations of promoting its public concerts, to encourage by concessionary admission rates the enjoyment of music and the arts by those who are financially disadvantaged.
6. To attract sponsorship from public and commercial bodies to help fund the concert tours, thus increasing the overall provisions of music and the arts and educational assistance in the group's area.

Officers

There shall be appointed by members of the group in General Meeting a Chairman and Vice-Chairman both drawn from the Office Bearers of the members' committees, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Officers shall serve from year to year for an annual term but shall be eligible for reappointment each year if proposed, seconded and willing to serve. The Secretary and the Treasurer may each be paid an Honorarium of such amount as may be fixed annually by the members in General Meeting.

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All Officers shall be entitled to repayment from the funds of the group of reasonable outlays incurred in the course of their duties. The Officers together with the immediate past Chairman shall comprise an Executive Committee to deal with matters arising between General Meetings. Three out of five members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall have powers to co-opt members, but co-opted members shall not be eligible to vote.

Finance

The group shall be self-supporting by the contribution of its members and sponsorship. The amount of subscription, if any, shall be fixed by the members in Annual General Meeting for the year following. The Treasurer shall receive all funds and monies and record them in proper books of account which shall be audited each year by an Auditor who is not a member. All funds for the group shall be lodged in a bank or building society account intact as received by the Secretary or Treasurer. Expenses, including re-imburements to Officers, and all other payments shall be made by cheque bearing two signatures, the authorised signatories being the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The books of the group shall be brought to a balance on 31st July in each year and accounts presented to the members in Annual General Meeting within three months thereafter.

Meetings

Members shall be called together to deliberate in General Meeting as may be required and at least once a year in the month of October, or within three months of the end of the financial year, for the purpose of receiving Reports and Accounts for the year past and electing Officers and deciding policy for the year to come. All decisions shall be made by simple majority vote. Each member shall have one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

Limitation of Responsibility

Neither the Officers nor the group shall be responsible for the contractual engagement of professional artists; this responsibility shall rest solely with the individual members promoting each Concert. A member without the prior agreement of the Chairman and the Secretary shall cancel no engagement of professional artists as part of a concert tour.

Dissolution

In the event of the members in General Meeting resolving to dissolve the group, any funds held by the group shall be divided among the members equally.

Amendment

This constitution may be amended by the members in General Meeting by motion moved and seconded in normal form and carried by a vote of not less than two thirds of those present.

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting on the 6th October 2001.

"Certified as a true copy" by Margaret M Thomson, 12 Wilson Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8TR
Signed... *M. Thomson* Secretary.

"Certified as a true copy" by Stuart Todd, 5 Crown Street, Portnahaven, Islay, PA47 7SW.
Signed... *Stuart Todd* Chairman, Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.