

Constitution of the Chordofonia Friends and Patrons Association

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Name and location

The association is based in Gütersloh under the name "Freunde und Förderer des Kammerorchesters Chordofonia e.V." ("Chordofonia Friends and Patrons Association") and is registered in the German Associations Register.

The financial year is the calendar year.

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Purpose of the association

The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes as stated in the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Fiscal Code.

The purpose of the association is the promotion of art and culture.

This purpose will be realised through non-material and financial support of Chordofonia chamber orchestra. It is also fulfilled through the promotion of concerts at home and abroad.

The funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. The members shall not receive any benefits from the funds of the association.

The association shall act selflessly. It does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

No person that is opposed to the purpose of the association may benefit from expenses or disproportionately high remuneration.

Members shall pay fees, the amount and due date of which shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the association shall raise its funds through donations.

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Dissolution of the association

In the event of dissolution or annulment of the association or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall go to the European Guitar Teachers Association (EGTA-D e.V.), which shall use it directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

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Announcements

Announcements concerning the association shall be made in writing to the members of the association by post or e-mail.

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Membership

1. The association shall consist of personal and corporate members. Corporate members may be: companies, societies, legal entities and similar legally independent bodies. Application must be made in writing and addressed to the executive committee. The minimum annual membership fee for personal and corporate members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting upon motion of the executive committee. The membership fee shall be charged on 1st November of each financial year.

2. The executive committee shall be entitled to appoint honorary members.

3. Membership shall expire

- a) on written notice of resignation, which must be given by 1st August at the end of the financial year;
- b) on exclusion due to two successive arrears of membership fees;
- c) on exclusion for conduct detrimental to the Association as decided by the Executive Committee;
- d) on the member's death.

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Assets of the Association

1. The assets of the association shall consist of the respective capital and tangible assets.

2. The liability of the association shall be limited to its assets. This limitation of liability must be included in all contracts on behalf of the association.

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Bodies of the Association

1. The Annual General Meeting
2. The Executive Committee

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members

1. The AGM has the following tasks:
- a) Election of the executive committee;
 - b) Determination of membership fees for personal and corporate members;
 - c) Acceptance of the activity and budget report;
 - d) Acceptance and approval of the annual accounts;
 - e) Dismissal of the executive committee;
 - f) Election of the auditor;
 - g) Amendment of the constitution;
 - h) Dissolution of the association.

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2. The annual general meeting shall ordinarily be held at least once a year. Further AGMs shall be held if this is necessary in the interests of the association (and convened by the executive committee) or if 20% of the members request that they be convened. The purpose and reasons for the meeting must be stated.

3. Annual general meetings shall be convened in writing by the chairperson or, in his/her absence, by his/her deputy. The agenda set by the executive committee shall be communicated. The notice period shall be at least two weeks.

4. The annual general meeting shall constitute a quorum if the members have been invited in due form and time. Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In elections, the overall majority of the votes cast shall be decisive. If no member objects, voting may be open. The head of the AGM shall decide on the method of voting; in the event of an objection, the members shall decide. A delegation of votes is possible with the following proviso: A member in attendance may only validate one delegated vote of a member not in attendance.

The delegation must be submitted to the office in writing in advance.

5. The annual general meeting shall be chaired by the chairperson or, if the chairperson is prevented from attending, by his/her deputy or, if the deputy is also prevented from attending, by a member of the executive committee.

6. Resolutions shall be recorded in the minutes, stating the place and time of the AGM and the result of the vote. The minutes shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes.

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Executive committee

1. The executive committee shall consist of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson, the treasurer and up to six other members. The executive committee shall be elected at the AGM for a period of three years from the date of election. It remains in office until the election of a new committee. The work of the committee is voluntary and unpaid. However, the executive committee may grant individual members an honorary allowance.

2. The chairperson of the executive committee shall be a member of the executive committee. The chairperson, the vice-chairperson and the treasurer shall be elected individually. The other members shall be elected by block vote. The chairperson, the vice-chairperson and the treasurer shall be the directors as stated in § 26 of the BGB (German Civil Code). Each of them shall represent the association alone in and out of court.

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3. The committee shall decide on all matters not reserved for the AGM. It shall submit an annual activity report and budget report to the AGM.

4. As a rule, the decisions of the committee shall be taken in meetings. The committee shall constitute a quorum if at least five of its members are present, including the chairperson or his/her deputy. In individual cases, committee decisions may be passed on in writing, by e-mail or by telephone, provided that no member of the Board objects to this procedure.

§ 10 Office

The executive committee shall have an office to take care of the day-to-day business. The appointment, the regulation of the working hours, the responsibility and the remuneration shall be decided by the executive committee.

§ 11 Amendment of the constitution

1. The decision to amend the constitution, to dissolve the association or to merge it with another association shall be taken at an annual general meeting on the proposal of the executive committee. In order for the decision to be effective, the agenda and the content of the amendment or the proposed resolution must be announced when the meeting is convened and the resolution must be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. The invitation to such an AGM shall make special reference to this fact.

2. The executive committee shall be entitled to amend the wording of the constitution without convening an AGM if such amendment is required at the suggestion of the registry court, the tax office or any other authority, corporation or institution under public law.