

## Rules of the Wimbledon Choral Society

Adopted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2001 together with the Society's approved Constitution

Amended at the Society's AGM October 2011 for section 4 (Concert Dress)

### 1. Choral Membership

- 1.1 Admission as a Choral Member shall be subject to the approval of the Musical Director.
- 1.2 Subscriptions are to be paid upon admission, or as otherwise determined by the Executive.
- 1.3 Members shall defray the cost of their own music.

### 2. Season

- 2.1 The Season shall extend for a period of 12 months, commencing 1st September.

### 3. Attendance

- 3.1 A register shall be kept of the attendance of members at rehearsals and the Membership Secretary shall from time to time report to the Musical Director the names of those members whose attendance is irregular.
- 3.2 The Musical Director may determine that any member should not perform in a concert, whether because that member has not in his judgement attended a sufficient number of rehearsals or for any other reason. The discretion in individual cases conferred by this Regulation upon the Musical Director shall be exercised in consultation with the Executive.

### 4. Concert Dress

- 4.1 The dress for the choir for concerts shall be:

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| Ladies    | (i) Black <sup>[1]</sup> long or three-quarter sleeved blouse or top, and                      |
|           | (ii) Plain long black skirt of matt material or plain long black trousers <sup>[3]</sup> , and |
|           | (iii) Black shoes, black tights, (small black bag), no conspicuous jewellery.                  |
| Gentlemen | (i) Dinner suit or plain dark suit, and  |
|           | (ii) White shirt and black bow tie, and  |
|           | (iii) Black shoes.   |

- 4.2<sup>[2]</sup> If so specified by the Executive for any particular concert or event, the dress may be modified.

[This section has been amended as detailed below]

## 5. Music Folders

- 5.1 At all concerts and other performances by the Society, members shall use music folders of the approved pattern, unless this requirement is disapplied by the Executive in the case of a particular concert or performance.
- 5.2 Members shall defray the cost of their own music folders.

## 6. Concert Tickets

- 6.1 Every member who performs in a concert shall be obliged to purchase at least two tickets for that concert, unless this obligation is disapplied by the Executive in the case of a particular concert, or in other circumstances as may be determined by the Executive at its discretion.
- 6.2 The obligation shall apply to the minimum standard price of tickets for the relevant concert, as announced by the Executive, subject to availability.
- 6.3 Any member who fails to purchase the minimum obligatory number of tickets may be required to pay to the Society an equivalent amount in lieu

## Amendments

- A. Annual General Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011
  - [1] Changed from white to black.
  - [2] Added Rule 4.2 for the purpose of relaxing the Concert Dress rules on an ad hoc basis at the discretion of the Executive. Examples of this included the use of coloured blouses (ladies) and coloured bow ties (gentlemen) for the Christmas concert, the occasional use of long black trousers for ladies instead of skirts and the use of open-necked black shirts for gentlemen.
- B. [3] Following on from [2] the Executive has since specified that ladies may wear long black trousers at all future concerts.