

Statutes

Wilhelm Furtwängler Gesellschaft e. V., Berlin (Wilhelm Furtwängler Society, registered association)

§ 1 Name and Seat

1. The Society bears the name "Wilhelm-Furtwängler-Gesellschaft e. V.".
2. The seat of the Society is Berlin.
3. The Society is registered in the Register of Associations of the Berlin-Charlottenburg District Court under the number VR 5401 B
4. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose

The Society aims to keep alive the artistic achievements of the conductor, composer and writer Wilhelm Furtwängler. It achieves this in particular through

1. concerts, lectures and other cultural events honouring his memory,
2. promoting the cataloguing of the artist's estate,
3. publishing selected and outstanding recordings of Furtwängler and their critical appreciation,
4. cooperation with similar institutions in Germany and abroad which pursue the same goals.

§ 3 Non-profit character

1. The Society pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes in the field of the promotion of art and culture in accordance with the provisions of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung).
2. The Society acts selflessly and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes
3. The funds of the Society may only be used for the purposes set out in the Statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Society's funds. No person may be favoured by expenses which are alien to the purpose of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Means of the Association

1. The Society obtains the funds to fulfil its statutory tasks through:
 - a. Membership fees,
 - b. Donations in cash or in kind,
 - c. other donations.
2. The Executive Committee decides on the use of the Society's funds. It presents the total accounts for the previous year to the General Assembly.

§ 5 Membership

1. Natural persons and legal entities may become members.
2. Membership shall be applied for in writing. The Executive Committee decides on the application. If the application is rejected, the General Assembly shall decide on an appeal by a 2/3 majority.
3. Membership expires
 - a) by written notice of resignation to the Executive Board, which must be received at least one month before the end of the financial year,
 - b) by death of the member,
 - c) in the case of legal entities, by loss of legal personality,
 - d) by exclusion decided by the Executive Board after hearing the member. The exclusion shall be notified to the member by registered letter. An objection to the exclusion may be lodged within four weeks of notification. The next General Assembly shall decide on the appeal by a 2/3 majority

§ 6 Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Society are

- a) the General Assembly,
- b) the Executive Board,
- c) the Advisory Council.

§ 7 General Assembly of Members

1. The General Assembly shall be held at least once a year. It elects the Executive Committee and the Auditors, receives the annual report of the 1st Chairperson and the Treasurer as well as the Auditor's report and then decides on the discharge of the Executive Committee. The General Assembly shall also decide on amendments to the Statutes and, if necessary, on the dissolution of the Society.
2. The Executive Committee may convene extraordinary General Meetings either by itself or at the request of at least one quarter of the members.
3. The General Assembly shall be convened in writing by the Chairperson, stating the agenda, at least three weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting.
4. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be passed by a majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the 1st Chairperson shall have the casting vote. Elections shall be by secret ballot on request.
5. Motions from members shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least 14 days before the General Assembly.
6. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the 1st Chairperson. At the request of the majority of those present, a chairperson may be elected.
7. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened to amend the Statutes or to dissolve the Association, stating in detail the resolutions to be passed. Resolutions to amend the Statutes or to dissolve the Society require a 2/3 majority of those present. Amendments to the Statutes required by the Register Court or any other authority may be decided by the Executive Committee alone.

8. Minutes of the General Assembly shall be kept and shall be signed by the 1st Chairman or the Chairman of the Assembly and the Secretary. The minutes shall be sent to the members with the invitation to the next General Assembly at the latest.
9. Members may be represented at general meetings by written proxy. Each member present may only represent one member who is not present

§ 8 Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Chairmen and the Treasurer.
2. The 1st, 2nd or 3rd Chairperson shall be the sole member of the Executive Board within the meaning of the German Civil Code (BGB). Internally, this applies to the 2nd Chairperson only in the event that the 1st Chairperson is prevented from acting, and equally to the 3rd Chairperson vis-à-vis the 2nd Chairperson.
3. The Executive Committee performs its duties on an honorary basis.
4. The executive committee may appoint a managing director or temporarily engage employees for remuneration to carry out the day-to-day business of the association.
5. The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years; re-election is permitted.
6. The members of the Executive Committee shall remain in office until a new election is held.

§ 9 Dissolution of the Association

The General Assembly shall decide on the dissolution of the Society by a 2/3 majority. In the event of dissolution or annulment, the assets, after covering any remaining liabilities, shall be transferred to a non-profit organisation also pursuing cultural goals. The resolution on the transfer of assets shall require the approval of the competent tax office in order to be effective.

§ 10 Entry into force

These Statutes were adopted by the General Assembly on 23 March 2013. They shall enter into force upon entry into the Register of Associations.

Berlin, 23 March 2013