

MERCHANT SINFONIA

GLASGOW'S COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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AGM of Merchant Sinfonia to be held in Studio 1 at City Halls on Tuesday 28 October 2014 at 19:00hrs (entrance via Albion Street)

Notice is hereby given that the first AGM of Merchant Sinfonia will be held at 19:00hrs on Tuesday 28 October in Studio 1 at City Halls, prior to the Orchestra's rehearsal, in order to conduct the following business:

1. Apologies for absence
 2. To receive a report from the Chair of Merchant Sinfonia on the year's activities;
 3. To receive a report from the Musical Director;
 4. To receive the examined accounts and budget for Merchant Sinfonia and the Treasurer's report thereon;
 5. To elect three members to the Committee for the forthcoming period;
 6. To elect an Honorary Independent Financial Examiner for the financial year;
 7. To conduct any other business with the consent of the Chair
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Notes:

To ensure rotation amongst the Committee, three members of the Committee have offered to step down at this first meeting. Two of these members offer themselves for election for a further period of three years in accordance with the Constitution. Nominations for any vacant posts on the Committee should be given to the Secretary no less than one week before the date of the AGM. Nominations, with the consent of the Nominee, should be signed by two members of Merchant Sinfonia. A secret ballot will be arranged at the AGM, should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies available.

Annual Members of Merchant Sinfonia, who are not Playing Members this Season, are entitled to attend and vote. Any such members should give their names to the Secretary ahead of the meeting, to ensure that they are included on the signing-in sheets at the Albion Street door.

Immediately following the AGM, there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of Merchant Sinfonia to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolutions set out in the Notice of the EGM included below within this document.

Gillian Batters, Secretary

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Explanatory text:

During the membership renewal/application process this year, the Committee became aware of an application from someone with a recent criminal record whose involvement was considered by the Committee to be potentially disruptive and upsetting to other members, given the nature of the conviction and that Merchant Sinfonia's image and reputation could thereby be adversely affected. In seeking advice on this matter it became clear that our Constitution lacks explicit provision for the Committee to exercise discretion on behalf of the whole membership in such cases and advice from 'Making Music' suggests we should correct this. Therefore the amendment set out below is proposed by the Committee for ratification by the membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of Merchant Sinfonia will be held immediately following the AGM to be held at 19:00hrs on Tuesday 28 October 2014 in Studio 1, City Halls, Glasgow (entrance via Albion Street) to conduct the following business:

- 1. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the insertion of the following text as a new Clause 3.1 to the Constitution of Merchant Sinfonia**

“3.1 The Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to decline an application or applications for membership where, in the opinion of the Committee, acceptance of such application or applications would be prejudicial to the interests of the orchestra as a whole.”

- 2. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the renumbering of the previous numbered clauses 3.1 to 3.6 of the Constitution of Merchant Sinfonia as clauses 3.2 to 3.7 respectively;**

- 3. To discuss any other business with the permission of the Chair.**

If approved, these changes will be reflected in a revised composite Constitution, posted on the Orchestra's website, as soon as possible.

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