

# STATUTES

## THE INTERNATIONAL EDVARD GRIEG SOCIETY

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### § 1)

The name of the Foundation is *The International Edvard Grieg Society*. The Foundation is seated at Troidhaugen in Bergen.

The Foundation was established through joint beneficiary deeds from the Municipality of Bergen (Bergen kommune), the Hordaland Regional Municipality (Hordaland fylkeskommune), the Friends of Troidhaugen (Troidhaugens Venner), and the Grieg Society in Oslo, dated June 15<sup>th</sup> 1996.

### § 2)

The Foundation is an independent legal entity whose objective is to contribute to the

- interpretation of Edvard Grieg's music for a broader audience through performances at a high artistic level.
- further development of knowledge and understanding of and increased accessibility to Edvard Grieg's music for performers, scholars, teachers and educators, and the general public.
- increased contemporary innovative artistic activities based on the impact of Edvard Grieg's musical genius.

The realisation of the objective is envisaged to take place through the establishment of international network integration within different areas of musical activity, such as

- worldwide national Grieg societies
- circulation of information
- research and publishing activities
- educational activities
- arrangement of music festivals and competitions, seminars and scholarly symposiums etc.
- artistic activities such as concerts, releases of CD's etc.

### § 3)

Grieg societies, associations and individuals may be members of the Foundation.

Three kinds of individual memberships are possible.

#### a) Individual member.

It is possible to apply for an individual membership.

The acceptance of an individual membership will be decided by the Executive Committee. An administration fee – set by the Council Assembly – must accompany the application. A membership gives the right to be present and to speak at the Council Assembly meetings, without the right to vote.

b) Elected member.

The Executive Committee proposes to the Council Assembly persons who in special ways have, through scholarly work and/or performance, contributed to further knowledge and understanding of Edvard Grieg's music.

The Council Assembly makes the final decision. The Elected member has the right to participate at all IGS conferences and other arrangements, without having to pay the conference fee, and has the right to be present and to speak at the Council Assembly meetings, but without the right to vote.

c) Honorary member.

The Executive Committee can, in special cases, propose to the Council Assembly to award an honorary membership.

**§ 4)**

The Foundation is a private organisation with a capital stock of NOK 76.000 provided by the Municipality of Bergen (Bergen kommune), the Hordaland Regional Municipality (Hordaland fylkeskommune), Trolldhaugens Venner, and the Grieg Society in Oslo.

**§ 5)**

The Foundation is organised into a Council Assembly and an Executive Committee.

The Council Assembly acts as the supreme Foundation organ. It shall supervise the management of the Foundation in accordance with present statutes and applicable laws.

The Executive Committee may appoint a Director. The Director may be authorised to act on behalf of the Foundation in daily management.

**§ 6)**

The Executive Committee consists of five members with personal deputies. Four members are elected for a period of two years. One member will be appointed by Edvard Grieg Museum Trolldhaugen. The Chair of the Executive Committee is elected separately.

The meetings of the Executive Committee are held regularly and called upon by the Executive Committee Chair. The necessary electoral quorum is reached when at least three Executive Committee members or deputies, including the Executive Committee Chair or his/her deputy, are present. Bergen Public Library can appoint an observer who can meet in the Executive Committee with the right to speak and make proposals.

The Executive Committee has the duty to summon an executive meeting when required by a Committee member. The Foundation is bound by joint signature of the Executive Committee Chair and an Executive committee member.

**§ 7)**

The Executive Committee manages the Foundation matters, which are recorded in a minute book. The Executive Committee may delegate financial authority. The duty of the Executive Committee is to

- administer The International Edvard Grieg Society in accordance with its objectives
- secure sufficient financial income for the management of the Foundation through beneficiary gifts and contributions from public and private sources. Membership fees

- are determined by the Executive Committee.
- Ensure that financial accounts, auditing practice and economical administration of the Foundation are kept in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations (c.f. Statute on Foundations May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1980, Sect 10 and 11)
  - Draw up the Annual Report on Foundation activities.

### **§ 8)**

The Foundation Council Assembly consists of maximum 33 members:

- a) Up to 15 members are appointed by associated independent Grieg societies / associations according to provisions set by the Council assembly.
  
- b) The following 12 institutions appoint one member each:
  - Bergen Filharmoniske Orkester (The Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra)
  - Bergen kommune (The Municipality of Bergen)
  - Bergen Offentlige Bibliotek (Bergen Public Library)
  - Hordaland fylkeskommune (The Hordaland Regional Municipality)
  - Høgskolen i Bergen (Bergen College)
  - Norges Musikkhøgskole (The Norwegian State Academy of Music)
  - Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet, Trondheim (University of Trondheim)
  - Oslo Filharmoniske Orkester (The Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra)
  - Rikskonsertene (Norwegian Concert Institute)
  - Stavanger Symfoniorkester (Stavanger Symphony Orchestra)
  - Universitetet i Bergen (University of Bergen, Grieg Academy)
  - Universitetet i Oslo (University of Oslo)
  
- c) Until six (6) members are appointed by the Council Assembly meeting for four years at a time.
  
- d) The Council Assembly may invite other representatives to participate in discussions at meetings, without the right to vote or make proposals.

The Council Assembly appoints its President with an alternative for a period of two (2) years.

### **§ 9)**

An Electoral Committee consisting of three members, i.e. the Council Assembly President, a representative of the Executive Committee, and a member appointed by the Council Assembly, will propose six Council Assembly members and the five Executive Committee members, who are to be appointed through election by the Council Assembly (c.f. § 8).

The Council Assembly shall meet every second year. Moreover the Council Assembly will meet if the President or alternatively at least three Council Assembly members so require.

Costs incurred in connection with the Council Assembly meetings must be covered by the participating institutions / associations, and by elected members. Members can apply to the Executive Committee for financial contribution.

### **§ 10)**

Ordinary Council Assembly annual meetings are held every second year, preferably within the month of June.

Notice for the annual Council Assembly meeting should be in writing and despatched at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.

The necessary quorum for a Council Assembly meeting is reached when at least seven (7) Council Assembly members, including the President or substitute, are present. In cases of a voting tie the President or – if the President is not present – his/her alternative has the decisive vote.

**§ 11)**

The Agenda for the ordinary annual Council Assembly meeting includes:

- annual report
- annual accounts
- election of Executive Committee and Council Assembly members, Auditor and Electoral Committee member
- other matters announced in the Agenda for the meeting

The Council Assembly President prepares the Agenda for the meeting and encloses this in the invitation to the meeting. The Agenda may include matters which are required by the Executive Committee or by any single Council Assembly member.

**§ 12)**

Proposals for amendments of the present Foundation statutes shall be announced in the notice of a Council Assembly meeting. Amendments can thereafter be decided upon, provided a majority of at least 2/3 of the registered votes, and provided that the said 2/3 of the Council members are qualified to vote. If that majority is not reached, another Council Assembly meeting must be called. In the latter case, the Council Assembly can reach a 2/3 majority provided that at least seven (7) Council Assembly members are present, including the Council Assembly President or his/her alternative.

**§ 13)**

The Foundation objectives may be amended only by a unanimous Council Assembly decision, provided that at least 2/3 of the qualified electors are present.

If the Foundation by decision is dissolved, its possessions shall be transferred to the administration of Nina and Edvard Grieg's home Trolldhaugen.

**§ 14)**

The Foundation shall at all times be subject to the statutory provisions on Private Foundations in Norwegian Law, currently stated in the Statute on Foundations May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1980.