

# **SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the “Symphony League of Santa Cruz County,” referred to hereinafter as the “League.”

### **ARTICLE II - MISSION**

The League is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status. The purpose of the League is to provide financial assistance to the Santa Cruz County Symphony Association. The League will conduct events and activities, raise funds, promote classical music education, and increase public awareness of classical music.

### **ARTICLE III - POWERS**

The organization shall register, own, and protect the name of the Symphony League of Santa Cruz County, or such names or designations as are appropriate for the group or groups so maintained.

- A. No substantial part of the activities of the League shall be devoted to carrying out propaganda, to otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and it shall not participate or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- B. The League shall not engage in any transaction prohibited by Section 501(c)3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended.
- C. The League shall be empowered to solicit, accept, and administer contributions. It may also hold, operate, and administer real and personal property in order to accomplish the mission of the League.
- D. The League shall not apply accumulation of income in any manner that may subject it to denial of exemption as provided in Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code now enacted or as it may be hereafter amended.
- E. If, at any time, the League shall cease to carry out the purposes as herein

stated, all assets and property held by it, whether in trust or otherwise, shall, after the payment of its liabilities, be paid over to the Santa Cruz County Symphony Association, or to an organization which itself has similar purposes and has established an appropriate tax exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the United States Internal Revenue Code now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended, and they shall be applied exclusively for the education of the public in the art of music by the performance of artistic works of music or otherwise appropriate to the said tax exempt status.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

- A. There shall be five classes of membership as follows:
  1. Active: Active members are those who have paid Active Membership dues. They are expected to support all major fundraising events.
  2. Family: This category is for those who have two active members in the same household with both members accepting working assignments and selling one set of tickets or more to a major fundraising event.
  3. Contributing: This category is for persons willing to accept working assignments and who are welcome to serve on committees, but are not required to do so and who support the League by purchasing (or selling) tickets to major fundraising events.
  4. Friends of the League: This is a special category for those who wish to support the League.
  5. Honorary or Life Members: This is a special category for persons named by the Board of Directors in recognition of distinguished support of the League.
- B. Each Active Member shall have one (1) vote at any Membership meeting held during the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30.
- C. The Board of Directors shall establish dues of the League after notice has been given at the previous Board meeting.

### **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

- A. There shall be an annual meeting of the League. Other meetings shall be

called by the President as needed. A quorum shall be eight percent (8%) of the membership.

- B. Special meetings may be called by the President, five (5) members of the Board of Directors, or by written request of ten (10) members of the League. Notice must be given of the date, time, place and the business to be brought before the meeting at least ten (10) days in advance. Only business for which notice has been given shall be transacted.
- C. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly. A quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Any member of the League may attend and participate in the discussion.
- D. Elected Officers shall be installed in June. The President shall determine the date.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following elected officers: President, President Elect, Vice President—Educational Programs and Previews, Vice President--Fundraising, Vice President—Membership, Recruitment & Directory, Vice President--Public Relations, Vice President--Communications, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, the Immediate Past-President and Members-at Large.
- B. An appointed officer shall be an historian.
- C. The terms of office shall be for two years beginning July 1. There is no limit on the number of terms that may be served.
- D. A Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members selected by the President shall present a report to the Executive Board in April. Other nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.
- E. Officers shall be elected by ballot of the membership in May.
- F. Vacancies in these offices occurring during the year shall be filled by appointment of the President, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.
- G. The President, Treasurer, President Elect, and Recording Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks.

#### **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The administrative powers of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors comprised of the Executive Committee and the Chairs of the Standing Committees. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected and appointed officers, the Standing Committee Chairs, and any elected Members at Large.

- A. Chairpersons of other areas of responsibility shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee.
- B. Special and Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the President and shall serve as needed.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS AND AUTHORITY**

Any member may submit proposed amendments in writing to the President. The By-laws may be amended at any General Membership meeting of the League by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been (1) approved by the Board of Directors, and (2) submitted in writing to all members no less than two weeks before the vote.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Recording Secretary

