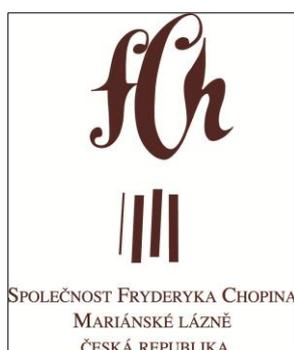


Articles of the Fryderyk Chopin Society (hereinafter referred to as Society)

Article 1

Name, residence and position of the Society

1. The Society is based on voluntariness and on democratic principles in accordance with the provisions of Section 214 et seq. of Act no. 89/1991 Coll., the Czech Civil Code (hereinafter referred to as CC).
2. The Society operates in the Czech language as **Společnost Fryderyka Chopina, spolek** and in the English language as the **Fryderyk Chopin Society**. Any change of the name is possible only by decision of the members' meeting.
3. The Society is an independent, non-political organization and performs its below-mentioned activities in accordance with Czech legislation.
4. The Society resides at Hlavní třída 47/28, 353 01 Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad).
5. Company Reg. no. 648 40 441
6. The logo of the Society is as follows:



Article 2

Purpose of the Society

1. The main purpose of the Society is to promote the music of Fryderyk Chopin to the wider public and to encourage young people to admire and respect the immortal work of this composer. For this purpose, the Fryderyk Chopin Society organizes the regular annual Chopin Festival in Marienbad, the International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition (hereinafter referred to as IFChPC) where young pianists play mainly works by Fryderyk Chopin, as well as exhibitions related to Chopin, engages in publishing and musicological activities, runs the Fryderyk Chopin Memorial Museum in the Chopin House and extends its library, sound recordings library and depository.
2. The Society naturally strives to cooperate with partner Chopin societies abroad, with the International Federation of Chopin Societies, with the Polish Embassy in the Czech

Republic and with the Polish Institute. Since 1997, the Society has had a registered trademark CHOPINŮV FESTIVAL V ČESKÉ REPUBLICE (CHOPIN FESTIVAL IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC).

3. The aim of these activities – artistic activities, publishing and distribution – is to spread knowledge and recognition through exhibitions, programmes, publications, bibliophile editions, courses and various meetings in a manner which is not contrary to the Czech Constitution and laws.

Article 3 Membership

1. The membership is intended for both physical and legal persons, for citizens and corporations residing in the

Czech Republic, as well as for physical and legal persons from other countries who are interested in the activities of the FChS

and whose activities are in accordance with the goals and purpose and with the Articles of the Society.

2. Membership can be regular or honorary.

a) **regular membership** is conditional upon the submission of a signed application and payment of the required

membership fee (the corresponding amount is determined by the Organization Rules). After acceptance, each member

shall obtain an Society Member's card, which he/she can use to claim price reductions for festival concerts,

shall obtain the Articles of the Society and the Organization Rules of the Society. The Society Member's card is non-transferable.

b) **honorary membership** is granted by the Society members' meeting to those friends of music and of the Society who

play a significant role in promoting Society's good reputation. An honorary member shall obtain an honorary member's card and is not obliged to pay membership fees.

3. The Society keeps a list of its members. Entries into and deletions from the list are made by the Executive

Committee of the Society by means of resolutions from its meetings with attached up-to-date lists of members of the Society. The member list is accessible to all members of the Society. If requested to do so, the Executive

Committee of the Society shall make the list of the Society's members accessible to the requesting person within 30 days

of the request by providing an extract from the list containing the necessary data, i.e.

first name, surname and address of the Society's members; there is no other way of making this list of members

accessible and the privacy of personal data must be observed.

4. Each member of the Society is entitled to express his/her opinions of the activities of the Society, to present suggestions

for activities and help in their implementation, to participate in all events organized by the Society, to be

informed about the Society's activities and to use all advantages resulting from the membership.

5. Each member of the Society is obliged to observe the Articles of the Society and help, within his/her ability,
with the activities of the Society.
6. Each member of the Society is entitled to quit the membership at his/her own will.

Article 4 **Rights and obligations of the members**

1. Regular members are **entitled** in particular:
 - a) to participate, within their ability, in the activities of the Society,
 - b) to vote and be voted in the Society's bodies, if sui juris,
 - c) to vote at the Society's members' meetings,
 - d) to participate in events organized by the Society, to use price reductions granted to members in such events,
 - e) to suggest their representatives for the Society's bodies,
 - f) to take advantage of all services provided by the Society and entities established by the Society,
 - g) to file proposals to all bodies of the Society and address their comments to them.
2. Honorary members have the same rights, with the exception of voting at the Society's members' meetings.
3. Members are **obliged**:
 - a) to observe the Articles and internal regulations of the Society,
 - b) to follow the internal regulations and rules given by the Society or
by a relevant international organization of which the Society is a member (the International Federation of Chopin Societies).
 - c) to pay proper membership fees and fulfil any other financial obligations resulting from the Society's bodies' decisions, agreements and internal regulations.
 - d) to report any changes of their correspondence address or contact e-mail.

Article 5 **Termination of membership**

The membership in the Society can be terminated:

- a) By exclusion of the member for violating the rules defined in Article 4, paragraph 3, letters a), b) and c).

The membership in the Society is terminated by decision of the Executive Committee of the Society.

- b) By resigning from membership. A member of the Society is entitled to quit the membership any time. However, he/she must
notify the Society of his/her intention in writing, whereas this notification must be demonstrably delivered to the Society's residence.

The termination of membership becomes effective as of the time of delivery of the relevant notification. Resignation from membership

does not relieve the member of his/her obligation to pay any membership fees due so far.

c) By death of the member – physical person or dissolution of the member – legal person without a legal successor.

Article 6 **Bodies of the Society**

1. The Society has the following bodies:
 - a) Members' meeting
 - b) Executive Committee
 - c) Statutory body

Article 7 **Members' meeting**

1. The members' meeting is the highest body of the Society.
2. Members' meetings are summoned once a year.
3. Members are invited to members' meetings in writing by the chairman of the Executive Committee, either via e-mail or
via a letter posted at least two weeks before the date of the members' meeting. The invitation can also be handed over in person, at least one week before the date of the members' meeting.
4. The members' meeting is chaired by the chairman of the Executive Committee or, in his absence, by the vice-chairman of the Society. The members' meeting appoints a minute-taker to record the resolutions adopted. The reports from the members' meetings must be signed by the chairman and (the vice-chairman of the Board) and by the minute-taker.
5. Extraordinary members' meetings are held if deemed necessary by the chairman or the Executive Committee or if requested from the chairman of the Executive Committee by at least one third of the members.
6. The programme of the members' meeting can be suggested:
 - a) by individual members
 - b) by members of the Executive Committee
7. The members' meeting adopts decisions by voting. The members' meeting is quorate if at least one quarter of the Society's members are present. For a decision to be valid, it must be voted for by an absolute majority of the members present, with the exception of votes according to point 8 letters a), b), f), where a majority of *three quarters* of the members present with voting rights is required. Each member has one vote.
8. The members' meeting can also adopt decisions per rollam, which means outside the meetings,

in writing. The Chairman of the Society shall send a resolution proposal to the Society's members; each member shall state whether he/she approves or disapproves of the proposal or whether he/she does not want to express his/her opinion, and shall attach his/her signature.

9. Members may use a power of attorney to transfer the exercising of their voting rights to another member or to a third party. The power of attorney must be in writing and need not be authenticated.
10. The members' meeting decides on the following matters:
 - a) modifications and amendments of the Articles,
 - b) appointing and withdrawing members of the Executive Committee,
 - c) approving the annual report and the budget and the annual accounting balance,
 - b) approving the economic management plan for the upcoming period,
 - e) approving honorary memberships,
 - f) approving the Society's activity plans,
 - g) approving the rules of procedure,
 - h) dissolving and terminating the Society,
 - i) determining the amount of the membership fee,
 - j) appeals against decisions on exclusion,
 - k) electing the President of the Chopin Festival based on a suggestion of the Executive Committee,
 - l) as well as other matters if required by law or by these Articles or if reserved by the members' meeting.

Article 8

Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee has a maximum of 11 members, from which the following positions are elected:
 - a) the chairman, who is also the statutory body in terms of Section 244 of the CC,
 - b) two vice-chairmen.
2. The Executive Committee is elected in the members' meeting for a term of five years. Re-election is possible.
3. The chairman of the Executive Committee and the vice-chairmen are elected in the Executive Committee meeting which follows after the members' meeting.
4. The members' meeting adopts resolutions by a simple majority of votes. In the case of an equal number of votes, the vote of the chairman of the Executive Committee is considered decisive.
5. The Executive Committee is quorate if more than half of the Committee's members are present.
6. If a member of the Executive Committee dies or gives up his/her function between two members' meetings, the remaining members of the Executive Committee may co-opt a member to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee until the next members' meeting. This is conditioned on the approval of all other members of the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee of the Society decides and exercises rights in all matters that are not entrusted to the members' meeting. In particular, it deals with the following:

- a) it appoints and withdraws the chairman – statutory body and the vice-chairmen from among its members,
- b) it decides about the exclusion of members of the Society,
- c) it makes the list of the Society's members accessible to the requesting person,
- d) it summons the Society's members' meetings,
- e) it notifies the members of the Society of the date of the members' meeting,
- f) it takes minutes of the members' meetings,
- g) it establishes the administrative machinery of the Society and the position of the Society's secretary
as necessary.
- h) it is responsible for the organization of the Chopin Festival and for the organization of the biennial
International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition, for the running of the Fryderyk Chopin Memorial Museum
in the Chopin House in Marienbad, for the organization of exhibitions, for publishing and promotional activities as well as for other activities of the Society.

Article 9 Statutory body of the Society

1. The statutory body of the Society is the chairman of the Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as Chairman).
2. The Chairman as well as the vice-chairmen act independently on behalf of the Society. If signing on behalf of the Society, the Chairman or the vice-chairmen attach their signatures independently to the written or printed name of the Society.

Article 10 Economic management of the Society

1. The Society may perform its own economic activities in order to obtain the necessary funds and tangible assets to safeguard its activities.
2. It draws on public funds, especially on those of the Czech Ministry of Culture, of the Town of Marienbad, of the Carlsbad Region and of the European Union.
3. The Society accepts donations and contributions from both physical and legal persons. Such donations may be
accepted for a particular purpose or without a specific purpose.
4. Another source of finance are receipts and returns from artistic and special-purpose events, especially from
entrance fees and from the providing of copyrights for works owned by the Society.
5. Any funds obtained for the Society by any member of the Society's Executive Committee or by any Society member
shall become property of the Society, whereas the person concerned shall no longer be entitled to dispose of the funds in any way or to decide on their use.

Article 11

Termination of the Society and property settlement

1. The Society may terminate its activity by decision of the members' meeting for unavoidable reasons or if there is no reason for continuing the activities of the Society.
2. If the Society is dissolved, its remaining assets shall be transferred, free of charge, to another non-profit legal entity whose aims are close to those of the Society.

Article 12 Final provisions

1. These Articles shall become effective on the day they are approved by the Society's members' meeting.
2. These Articles were approved by the members' meeting of the Fryderyk Chopin Society on 20 August 2014.

In Marienbad on 20 August 2014



Prof. Ivan KLÁNSKÝ
Chairman of the Fryderyk Chopin Society