

BYLAWS of the SANTA BARBARA THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ARTICLE I, NAME.

The name of the organization shall be "Santa Barbara Theatre Organ Society" hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Society or SBTOS. SBTOS may be a chapter of the AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY hereinafter referred to as ATOS.

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE.

The Society shall promote theatre pipe organ tradition and public understanding and appreciation of the instrument and its music. The Society shall present concerts and shows featuring organ music and foster and encourage the growth and preservation of the art.

The Society is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and R&TC section 2370ld of the California Franchise Tax Board.

No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall consist of the carrying or of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Society participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote.

The Society shall guard against the use of its name, insignia, or any other emblem, by unauthorized persons. The Board of Directors (Board) may grant permission for the use of the Society name, insignia, or emblem whenever a benefit accrues to the Society and its objectives.

ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Classes of Membership. There shall be three classes of membership: Active, Associate, and Honorary. An Active member must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, of good character, and dedicated to the purposes of the Society. An Associate member shall be the spouse of an Active member, or any dependent under the age of eighteen (18) of an Active member. An Honorary member may be selected by the Board and SBTOS dues shall be waived.

Section 2. Application for Membership. Any person subscribing to the purposes of the society without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin may apply for membership. Such application, as provided by the Board, shall be accompanied by annual dues payable to SBTOS. Membership in the American Theatre Organ Society is desired for SBTOS membership and is required for Board members. ATOS dues may be collected by the local Society and remitted to ATOS.

Section 3. Dues shall payable annually as set by the Board. Membership begins when dues are paid. Membership shall be terminated if dues remain unpaid for three months after renewal date.

Section 4. All members in good standing are entitled to participate in all Society activities, hold office, vote, and shall contribute to the works and share the pleasures which are the purpose of the Society.

ARTICLE IV, MEETINGS.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) active members and shall serve for three (3) calendar years. The Board shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Board shall meet as often as required to plan and manage the affairs of the Society. A quorum shall consist of no less than four Board members. If no such quorum exists, no official business or dispersal of monies may transpire. There shall be such standing or special committees as appointed by the President, who shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. The Board shall have staggered terms of office to assure rotation of the leadership in the Society.

Section 2. No officer, Director, or any other member of the Society shall receive any remuneration for services rendered to the Society other than reasonable expenses incurred for the benefit of the Society, which are part of that person's responsibility and authorization.

Section 3. The Annual Business meeting shall be held before July first (July 1). Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board upon the request of five (5) or more members. All meetings shall be held at a place and time designated by the Board. Members shall be advised of actions taken at meetings in the Society's newsletter or other Society publication. All Board members shall be notified in writing of special Board meetings at least 72 hours in advance. Regularly scheduled Board meetings shall be noticed in the society's newsletter.

ARTICLE V, MISCELLANEOUS.

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the membership upon affirmative vote of the majority. Such vote may be conducted by mail within a 30 day period after publishing of the text of the changes in the Society's newsletter.

Section 2. If this Society is dissolved, all remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS.

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