



THE WAGNER SOCIETY

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President: Dame Gwyneth Jones DBE Kammersängerin
Vice-president: Sir John Tomlinson CBE
Registered Charity No: 266383 Founded 1953

12th March 2018

Dear Member,

BAYREUTH BALLOT 2018

This year, we have once again been fortunate to receive an allocation of tickets for the Bayreuth Festival. As has been our custom for many years, we offer these to members who can apply through our annual ballot. In addition to the sixteen tickets that we received from our membership of the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth e.V., we have received a generous allocation via the Richard Wagner Verband International e.V. Full details of these are on the accompanying Ballot Slip. Since seats have been allocated to us randomly, we cannot guarantee that members applying for two tickets will be able to sit together.

Please complete your Ballot Slip clearly in block capitals (illegible forms cannot be processed) and return by either (i) post or (ii) email (with scanned slip attached) to arrive no later than 6th April 2018 to:

Post: Cormac Cawley, 21 Lime Close, Wapping, London, E1W 2QP, or

Email: secretary@wagnersociety.org

While you may return your Ballot Slip by post or e-mail, we would prefer you to use e-mail as this will allow your Ballot Slip to be processed more securely and promptly.

The ballot will be held at the committee meeting on 17th April 2018 under the supervision of any Committee members who has not entered the ballot. Winners will be notified as soon as possible, and a reserve list will also be drawn up. You are requested to read the Bayreuth Ballot Bye-laws of the Society carefully before completing and returning your signed Ballot Slip.

Please note that we have added a donation to the cost of the tickets towards administration fees, postage (of this letter) and bank charges, and our memberships of the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth e.V. and the RWVI.

These documents are also available on the Society's website at:

<https://wagnersociety.org/bayreuth-ballot-2018/>

With good wishes

Yours sincerely

Cormac Cawley

Secretary, The Wagner Society
secretary@wagnersociety.org

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO



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BYE-LAWS FOR ANNUAL BALLOT FOR BAYREUTH TICKETS

These Bye-laws have been made by the Committee of the Wagner Society pursuant to Clause 15(e) of the Society's Constitution on the date stated at the foot of this document.

1. Each January/February the Society expects and usually does receive tickets (the "Tickets") for the benefit of its Members for performances at the Bayreuth Festival in that year. The tickets are received by the Society either as a member of the Richard Wagner Verband International or from its subscription to the Society of Friends of the Bayreuth Festival.
2. As soon as the Tickets have been received the Society will take steps to hold a Ballot and a Draw to determine who shall be offered the chance to buy each ticket.
3. Participants in the Ballot shall be required to complete a Ballot Slip containing all requested information. Any completed Ballot Slip must be sent to the Secretary of the Society in accordance with Rule 21 hereof. The Society reserves the right to exclude any Ballot Slip which does not contain all requested information.
4. By submitting a properly completed Ballot Slip a participant agrees that his/her participation shall be in accordance with these rules and any other stipulations set out on the Ballot Slip.
5. There shall be a deadline date for the receipt by the Secretary of each Ballot Slip ("deadline date").
6. The Ballot shall be open to each full member of the Society whose membership subscription has been fully paid by the deadline date, but not to second joint members
7. The Ballot shall be open to Officers and Committee Members of the Society.
8. Each Ballot Slip shall list the date of performance, seat location and an amount in pounds sterling ("the stated purchase price") which a winner shall be required to pay to the Society in order to complete a purchase of that ticket.
9. Each Ballot Slip shall have a box which will permit each participant to opt for either 1 or 2 tickets (but no more than 2) for a single performance, so that he/she has the opportunity of being accompanied to Bayreuth, if their name is drawn in the ballot.
10. Tickets for the full Ring cycle should be treated as a single ticket for the cycle of Rheingold, Walkure, Siegfried and Gotterdammerung for which they are issued, unless the Bayreuth Festival Ticket Office permits the Society to treat them as separate tickets.
11. Participants may state their preference for such tickets as they are interested in. For example, if there are 10 tickets in total, participants shall mark "1" for their first choice, "2" for their second and so on. Participants shall be within their rights in marking their Ballot Slip with only one or more choices.
12. The Committee shall take steps to ensure that a Draw containing all valid Ballot Slips takes place no later than 28 clear days after the deadline date.
13. The Draw shall be conducted as follows. There shall be drawn from the hat or box as many Ballot Slips as there are tickets, and each Ballot Slip shall be marked in turn as the first, second, third and so on in the order in which they are drawn. Once as many Ballot Slips as available tickets have been drawn, they shall be read in the order in which they were drawn. The first winner shall be entitled to purchase the ticket or tickets of his/her first choice. Each subsequent winner in order shall be entitled to purchase the ticket or



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tickets of his/her first choice, or the next highest available ticket according to the preferences marked by him/her on his/her Ballot Slip.

14. If after all winners' Ballot Slips have been read there remain tickets to be won, then further Ballot Slips shall be pulled from the hat or box until those tickets have been won applying the same method as described for the first, second, third winners and so on.
15. After drawing winners' Ballots Slips in accordance with Rules 12 and 13, further ballot slips (equal in number to the total of the tickets which are available at the time of the first draw) shall be drawn and listed and their holders shall be approached in the order in which they were drawn if any members are unable to accept tickets drawn in the original draw
16. Winners will be notified by e-mail or by telephone within 7 days of the taking place of the Draw.
17. Participants agree that by completing and sending in a Ballot Slip, they are offering to purchase from the Society those tickets which are drawn in their favour. If a winner cannot proceed with the purchase of any tickets, the Society may at its discretion either (i) approach the holders of slips drawn under the provisions of 14, above (ii) hold a further draw or draws until the tickets are sold (iii) to offer those tickets for sale to other members of the Society without any further draw being held or (iv) offer the tickets to any student members of the Society.
18. Each Winner must complete the purchase of their ticket by paying the stated purchase price within two weeks of being notified under Rule 15 either (i) by cheque to the Treasurer or by (ii) bank transfer to the Society's bank account quoting their name and the date of the performance.
19. Within 7 days of payment of the stated purchase price, a winner may collect his/her winning ticket by arrangement with the Treasurer. Tickets paid for, but not collected within 28 days of payment, will be sent to the winners by registered post to their address as stated on their Ballot Slip.
20. All decisions of the Committee in relation to the Ballot, the Draw and the purchase of tickets shall be final and participants agree not to challenge or question any such decisions unless there is evidence that the Committee has acted in bad faith or prejudicially to a participant in the discharge of its function under these Rules.
21. Notice of any Ballot (and blank Ballot Slip) shall be deemed validly given by the Society to a Member if it is sent by mail or e-mail or facsimile transmission to the address, telephone number or e-mail address held by the Society for that Member. Completed Ballot Slips must be returned by a Member to the Society using either (i) the address, (ii) telephone number or (iii) e-mail address supplied by the Society to that Member.



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EXAMPLE BALLOT SLIP

PERFORMANCE	PRICE	NUMBER OF TICKETS	ORDER OF CHOICE
The complete Ring (date)		2	6
Rheingold, (date)		2	1
Parsifal, (date)		1	3
Walkure, (date)		2	2
Tristan, (date)		2	5
Siegfried, (date)		1	4

EXPLANATION - In the sample above, the first winner would be offered 2 x Rheingolds, a second winner 2 x Walkures, the third 1 x Parsifal, the fourth 1 x Siegfried the fifth 2 x Tristans and the sixth 2 x Ring cycle.

ADOPTED AS BYE-LAWS BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WAGNER SOCIETY ON 2nd day of March 2017

SIGNED: **RICHARD MILES**
CHAIRMAN

SIGNED: **CORMAC CAWLEY**
SECRETARY

SIGNED: **NEIL KING**
TREASURER



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2018 BALLOT SLIP

NAME: _____

email: _____

PERFORMANCE	NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE	PRICE / PRICE RANGE	NUMBER OF TICKETS	ORDER OF CHOICE
Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg II 5 th August 2018	4	£290		
Parsifal III 8 th August 2018	20	£210 - £280		
Lohengrin V 10 th August 2018	6	£290		
Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg III 11 th August 2018	6	£150 - £280		
Tristan und Isolde II 13 th August 2018	6	£210 - £290		
Tristan und Isolde III 16 th August 2018	6	£260		
Die Walküre II 18 th August 2018	4	£290		
Die fliegende Holländer V 22 nd August 2018	4	£280		
Tristan und Isolde V 24 th August 2018	5	£260 - £280		
Parsifal VI 25 th August 2018	6	£170 - £280		
Die fliegende Holländer VI 26 th August 2018	5	£240- £260		
Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg VI 27 th August 2018	5	£160-£280		
Die Walküre III 29 th August 2018	5	£260 - £280		