



THE MUSICIANS' COMPANY

16th April 2024

To Whom it may concern

For the avoidance of doubt the Musicians Company is acting independently in its objection to the Albert Hall Bill as presented.

We have seen 'Notice of Challenge' from the promoters of the Bill that they are objecting to our locus standi to petition against the Bill on the grounds this Company is not affected by the provisions contained within the Bill.

The art of Music and the interests of Musicians are at the heart of all this Company does and the Company's Royal Charter (1950) states that one of the objects of the Company is to foster and encourage the Art or Science of Musicians of London.

We believe that the private sale of tickets by Members of the Corporation of Arts and Sciences is self-serving and contrary to the purpose set out in the Hall's 19th century Charter "the advancement of art and science".

Furthermore, we are concerned by the allegation that the Hall is operating ultra vires an Act of Parliament in order to further the interests of Members of the Corporation at the financial and reputational cost to musicians, many of whom are members of our livery. We believe that the main purpose of the Bill is to authorise this practice.

For the avoidance of doubt the minutes of our recent Court meeting on April 9th will show that Mr Lyttelton recused himself in favour of myself as Senior Warden for discussion of our petition against the Bill.

The Rt Revd Graeme Knowles
Senior Warden



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THE COURT

Master

The Hon Richard Lyttelton

Senior Warden

The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles CVO

Junior Warden

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The Clerk

Mr Hugh Lloyd