

Statutes and Rules of the Prague Spring Patrons' Club

1. Name and Nature of the Club

1.1 The name of the Club is the Prague Spring Philanthropic Club.

1.2 The Club is an internal patronage and donor programme operated by Prague Spring, o.p.s., with its registered office at Hellichova 18, 118 00 Prague 1, Company ID No.: 25773194.

1.3 The Club is not a separate legal entity, association or foundation. It has no assets of its own, no governing bodies in the sense of a legal entity, and no separate accounts. All donations, contributions and other benefits made in favour of the Club are received and administered by Prague Spring, o.p.s.

1.4 Membership in the Club is an expression of support for the mission of Prague Spring and does not entitle a member to participate in the management of the company, the festival's artistic programming, proceeds, profits or assets of Prague Spring.

2. Mission of the Club

2.1 The mission of the Club is to bring together individuals and legal entities wishing to support Prague Spring as an independent, international and artistically distinguished classical music festival.

2.2 Funds raised through the Club are used in particular to support the development of:

- a) the festival's artistic programme,
- b) the participation of leading Czech and international artists,
- c) young talent and the Prague Spring International Music Competition,
- d) new artistic, educational and interdisciplinary projects,
- e) projects expanding public access to classical music,
- f) the festival's long-term stability and independence.

2.3 The Club is founded on the values of cultural openness, international dialogue, professionalism, integrity, respect for tradition and the courage to pursue new artistic paths.

3. Membership

3.1 An individual or legal entity may become a member of the Club by making a donation to Prague Spring in an amount corresponding to one of the membership categories.

3.2 Membership begins when the donation is accepted by Prague Spring and the donor's inclusion in the relevant membership category is confirmed.

3.3 Membership is annual unless otherwise stipulated in a donation agreement or individual arrangement. The standard membership period lasts 365 days from the date the donation is credited to the account of Prague Spring, o.p.s., according to Prague Spring's internal records.

3.4 A member may request anonymous membership. In such a case, the member's name will not be published on the website, in programmes or in any other public acknowledgements.

3.5 Membership is non-transferable. In the case of family, couple or corporate membership, the member may designate a contact person and persons authorised to use selected benefits.

4. Membership Categories

Membership in the Philanthropic Club of Friends of Prague Spring is tiered according to the amount of the annual donation made in favour of Prague Spring. The individual categories reflect the level of financial support and the corresponding scope of Club benefits and forms of acknowledgement.

The benefits listed for the individual categories constitute a form of acknowledgement for supporting Prague Spring. They are provided subject to the festival's operational, capacity, safety, contractual and artistic possibilities and are not legally enforceable. Participation in social gatherings linked to a specific concert requires a purchased ticket for the relevant concert unless expressly stated otherwise.

4.1 Basic

from CZK 5,000 per year

Basic package of benefits:

- donation receipt eligible for tax deduction,
- acknowledgement on the Prague Spring website, unless the member requests anonymity,
- invitation to the unveiling of the upcoming festival programme of the Prague Spring Festival,
- priority ticket purchase, up to 2 tickets for selected concerts,
- invitation to Prague Spring Patrons' Club event.

4.2 Bronze Friendship

from CZK 10,000 per year

The Basic package of benefits, plus:

- the option to return purchased tickets,
- priority ticket purchase for all festival concerts, up to 2 tickets per concert, excluding Opening Concert I and the Closing Concert.

4.3 Silver Friendship

from CZK 25,000 per year

Benefits of all categories listed above, plus:

- priority ticket purchase for all festival concerts, with a choice from the complete programme,
- priority ticket purchase for the Rudolf Firkušný Piano Festival,
- invitation to all social gatherings organised by Prague Spring (with a valid purchased ticket), excluding Opening Concert I and Closing Concert, for 2 persons,
- invitation to a cultural trip within the Czech Republic,
- invitation to a dress rehearsal of selected concerts.

4.4 Gold Friendship

from CZK 50,000 per year

Benefits of all categories listed above, plus:

- invitation to all social gatherings organised by Prague Spring (with a valid purchased ticket), including Opening Concert I and Closing Concert, for 2 persons,
- invitation to Prague Spring lounge for a glass of wine before the concert and during the intermission, for 2 persons,
- a complimentary printed concert programme,
- priority ticket reservation for Prague Spring concerts at St. Lawrence Church,
- invitation to an international cultural trip.

4.5 Diamond Friendship

from CZK 100,000 per year

Benefits of all categories listed above, plus:

- invitation to all social gatherings organised by Prague Spring (with a valid purchased ticket), for 4 persons,
- invitation to Prague Spring lounge for a glass of wine before the concert and during the intermission, for 4 persons,
- complimentary tickets to 2 Prague Spring concerts of the member's choice at St. Lawrence Church, for 4 persons,
- opportunity to present flowers to soloists or the conductor on stage,
- arrangement of a brief personal meeting with an artist,
- an invitation to a personal meeting over lunch or dinner with the festival management and members of the festival team.

4.6 Platinum Friendship

from CZK 250,000 per year

Benefits of all categories listed above, plus:

- invitation to all social gatherings organised by Prague Spring (with a valid purchased ticket), for 6 persons,
- invitation to a social gathering organized by concert partner (with a valid purchased ticket), for 2 persons,
- complimentary tickets to Prague Spring concerts of the member's choice at St. Lawrence Church, for 2 persons,
- limousin service
- complimentary tickets to a concert of the member's choice, for 2 persons,
- invitation to a lunch/ dinner with a selected festival artist and the festival management.

4.7 Genuine Friendship

from CZK 500,000 per year

Benefits of all categories listed above, plus:

- invitation to all social gatherings organised by Prague Spring (with a valid purchased ticket), for 8 persons,
- the option, subject to prior agreement, to use the title Project Patron / Concert Patron,
- the opportunity to organise your own social event as part of the festival, subject to prior agreement,
- complimentary tickets to a concert of the member's choice, for 4 persons.

4.8 Patron of the Prague Spring

from CZK 1,000,000 or a multi-year commitment

- an individual relationship plan.

Common Rules for All Categories

1. The donation amount specified for each category represents the minimum annual donation required for inclusion in that category.
2. Benefits are provided as an expression of appreciation for financial support.
3. Prague Spring is entitled to replace a specific benefit with another comparable benefit, particularly where required by programme changes, artist availability, venue capacity or the festival's organisational possibilities.
4. Invitations, complimentary tickets and participation in Club or social events are non-transferable without the prior consent of Prague Spring.
5. None of the categories in itself gives rise to any entitlement to advertising, marketing or sponsorship benefits in return, unless such benefits are agreed in a separate contract.

5. Rights of Members

5.1 A member has the right to be informed about the Club's activities, Prague Spring's principal projects and the use of the financial support provided.

5.2 A member has the right to use the benefits corresponding to the relevant membership category, subject to the festival's capacity, safety, artistic, contractual and operational possibilities.

5.3 A member has the right to be publicly listed among the festival's supporters if the member consents.

5.4 A member has the right to request confirmation of a donation.

5.5 A member may request a purpose-specific donation agreement to support a particular project.

6. Obligations of Members

6.1 A member must act in a manner that does not damage the good name of Prague Spring, the performing artists, partners or other Club members.

6.2 A member may not use membership to obtain any unauthorised commercial, political, lobbying or reputational advantage.

6.3 A member may not use the Prague Spring name, logo, brand, photographs, recordings or other protected elements without the festival's prior written consent.

6.4 A member may not present membership as a sponsorship partnership, advertising arrangement or guarantee of commercial cooperation unless expressly stipulated by contract.

6.5 A member must comply with the organiser's rules, the visitor regulations of concert venues, accreditation rules, organisers' instructions and safety measures.

7. Use of Donations and Management of Funds

7.1 Members' donations are primarily unrestricted and are used to support the activities of Prague Spring.

7.2 A member may make a purpose-specific donation, in particular to support young talent, the competition, educational activities, a specific concert project, the promotion of Czech music, international residencies or access to the festival programme for a broad audience. The designated purpose must be accepted by Prague Spring and stated in a donation agreement or other written confirmation.

7.3 Prague Spring may refuse a donation, even without stating a reason, particularly if accepting it could endanger the festival's independence, good name, legal standing, integrity of artistic programming or ethical code.

7.4 Each year, Prague Spring will prepare a brief report for members on the Club's activities and the impact of their support. This report may form part of the annual report, the Club newsletter or a separate presentation for patrons.

8. Bodies and Administration of the Club

8.1 Club Manager

The Club is administered organisationally by an authorised employee or team of Prague Spring, generally a member of the Development and Partner Relations Department.

The authorised Club representative shall, among other things:

- a) maintain membership records,
- b) communicate with members,
- c) arrange benefits,
- d) prepare the Club programme,
- e) prepare donation agreements and coordinate confirmations of donation,
- f) submit proposals for the development of the Club to the festival management,
- g) engage in the acquisition of new members.

8.2 Council of the Philanthropic Club

The Council has 5 to 9 members. Members are appointed by the Director of Prague Spring. Members may include prominent patrons, philanthropy experts, civic-minded public figures, etc.

The Council of the Philanthropic Club is an advisory, not a decision-making, body.

In particular, the Council:

- a) discusses the development of the Club,
- b) participates in the acquisition of new Club members,
- c) cultivates relationships with donors,
- d) proposes new forms of member engagement,
- e) safeguards the prestige and ethical standards of the Club.

The functioning of the Council will be governed by a separate statute.

The Council has no right to interfere in the festival's artistic programming, employment relations, festival management or the legal obligations of Prague Spring.

8.3 Annual Meeting of Members

Once a year, Prague Spring will hold a meeting of Club members at which it will present the principal results of the preceding period, the plan for the next festival edition, selected artistic priorities and the impact of patronage support.

9. Club Programme and Benefits

9.1 Benefits provided to members of the Philanthropic Club are an expression of appreciation for their support, not a reciprocal benefit equivalent to the full value of the donation.

9.2 Benefits are provided subject to the festival's capacity and possibilities. Prague Spring may replace a specific benefit with a comparable benefit if the original benefit cannot be provided for artistic, operational, safety, health, contractual or capacity reasons.

9.3 Benefits cannot be claimed retroactively or exchanged for cash. Benefits may not be transferred to a third party without the consent of Prague Spring.

9.4 Advance ticket purchase does not guarantee a specific seat, price category or unlimited number of tickets.

9.5 Invitations to private events are personal. For events with limited capacity, Prague Spring may determine priority based on membership category, the date on which the donation was accepted, the duration of support or other criteria announced in advance.

9.6 Complimentary tickets are provided only in categories where they are expressly listed and to the extent determined by Prague Spring.

10. Tax and Contractual Regime

10.1 A donation is a gratuitous contribution made to Prague Spring, o.p.s.

10.2 Prague Spring will issue the member with a confirmation of donation or a donation agreement, depending on the nature of the donation.

10.3 The availability of tax deductions is governed by the laws of the Czech Republic in force at the relevant time, in particular the Income Taxes Act and the Value Added Tax Act.

10.4 The tax treatment of the donation is the donor's responsibility. Prague Spring does not provide tax advice.

10.5 If the support includes advertising, marketing or other benefits in return, these must be governed by a separate contract and accounted for separately from the donation.

11. Ethical Rules and Refusal of Donations

11.1 Prague Spring may refuse or return a donation, in particular if:

- a) the origin of the donation is not sufficiently transparent,
- b) the donor or the donation is associated with activities contrary to the festival's values,
- c) accepting the donation could damage the festival's reputation,
- d) the donation is conditional on undue influence over artistic programming, casting, procurement of services or staffing decisions,
- e) accepting the donation could give rise to a conflict of interest, a corruption risk or a breach of law.

11.2 Club members respect the festival's artistic independence. Financial support does not confer the right to influence the programme, artists, artistic programming or public statements of Prague Spring.

12. Personal Data Protection

12.1 Prague Spring processes members' personal data to the extent necessary for recording donations, providing Club benefits, communicating with members, complying with legal obligations and protecting legitimate interests.

12.2 A member may at any time request anonymous, non-public listing, a change of contact details or the termination of Club communications, provided that this does not affect Prague Spring's statutory obligations.

13. Termination of Membership

13.1 Membership terminates:

- a) upon expiry of the membership period, unless renewed by a further donation,
- b) by written notice from the member,
- c) by a decision of Prague Spring in the event of a serious breach of the rules defined by the Statutes and Rules of the Club,
- d) by refusal or return of the donation,
- e) upon dissolution of a member that is a legal entity,

f) upon the death of a member. In such a case, by agreement, membership may be transferred to a person designated by the surviving family or estate.

13.2 Termination of membership does not give rise to any entitlement to a refund of the donation unless otherwise stipulated by law or the donation agreement.

14. Amendments to the Statutes

14.1 These Statutes are issued and amended by Prague Spring, o.p.s.

14.2 Prague Spring may change the names of categories, donation amounts, the scope of benefits, organisational rules and the Club programme. Changes will be published on the festival website or communicated to members by email.

14.3 In respect of donations already accepted, Prague Spring will preserve the previous benefits to the greatest extent possible or provide an appropriate alternative.

15. Final Provisions

15.1 These Statutes enter into force on the date they are approved by the Director of Prague Spring, o.p.s.

15.2 Matters not governed by these Statutes are governed by Czech law, the donation agreement, Prague Spring's internal rules and the rules of the relevant events.