

**LA SERENISSIMA LTD**  
**Company no. 8370390 / Charity no. 1154940**  
**Environmental Policy**

The board and management of La Serenissima are committed to reducing the impact on the environment from the orchestra's activities. This commitment is also reflected by our artists.

This policy sets out La Serenissima's commitment to becoming more sustainable and identifies the methods and practical areas where we as an orchestra and organisation can reduce our impacts.

***What we are already doing:***

Recycling waste wherever possible.

Using light, heat and water only when required.

Making our purchasing decisions 'environmentally conscious'.

Choosing local suppliers for large instruments and technical equipment where possible.

Printing documents only when essential. We use 100% recycled paper & minimal posting of physical communications.

Working exclusively from our own performing editions, printing only when necessary; in doing so we reduce the need for printing and importing of commercial editions.

Our team carry their own reusable cups and washable plates to recordings, rehearsals and concerts to avoid the use of disposal cups and unnecessary waste. We eschew the use of plastic bottles.

We run our organisation remotely. This has reduced emissions from commuting and cut unnecessary use of energy, water and waste services.

Our management team use 'green' energy providers wherever possible.

We buy local, seasonal and organic food and support local businesses whenever we can.

We choose environmentally friendly cleaning products whenever possible.

Advocating car-sharing when the use of public transport is not practical.

The management team uses hybrid vehicles when travelling on La Serenissima's business and road travel is unavoidable.

The Artistic Director is personally committed to avoiding air travel whenever possible.

### ***What we are working on now:***

Identifying La Serenissima's carbon footprint.

Developing a system for setting, reviewing and evaluating sustainability targets for regular reporting to our board and to guide internal management.

A travel audit and travel choice guidelines for our wider team.

A new greener rider for all future La Serenissima engagements, particularly touring projects.

### ***Our aspirations for the future:***

To move from printed sheet music to working exclusively digitally, in order to eliminate the need for printing music.

To reduce air travel for our organisation as a whole.

To influence our audience's travel choices.

To work exclusively in concert, rehearsal and recording spaces that reflect our own environmental values.

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