

ORCHESTRA & CONCERT MANAGERS MEETING



Wednesday | November 2006, 10.30am – 3.30pm
BECHSTEIN ROOM, WIGMORE HALL, LONDON

Chaired by Naomi Faulkner, *Concerts Director, Britten Sinfonia*

Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005

Over the past few months, the ABO has been part of the Health & Safety Executive's Music & Entertainment Working Group, which is responsible for putting together Guidance for the Music & Entertainment Sectors on how to comply with the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005. These regulations will come into force on **6 April 2008**.

The most recent meeting of the Working Group, on 23 October, examined a range of pilot studies that were designed to test the performance of The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 in relation to orchestras and orchestra pits.

The content of these meetings is at present confidential, but following the end of this internal consultation process, the Guidance Notes will be available to download from the HSE's website as part of a public consultation process running **from 1 February to 30 April 2007**.

This will be your opportunity to contribute to the Guidance Notes, and/or to raise questions about the implementation of the Regulations.

The HSE is currently working to a publication deadline of **September 2007** for publication of these Guidelines.

In addition, the ABO is looking at the possibility of providing additional guidelines for the orchestral sector as part of a second edition of *A Sound Ear*, written by freelance occupational health & safety consultant Alison Wright Reid, who is also a member of the Health & Safety Executive's Music & Entertainment Working Group.

Projected timeline

Date	Event
1 February 2007	Start of public consultation process
30 April 2007	End of public consultation process
September 2007	Publication of the HSE's Guidance for the Music & Entertainment Sectors <i>and</i> the ABO's second edition of <i>A Sound Ear</i> (tbc)
6 April 2008	The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 come into force for the Music & Entertainment Sector

Useful Information

To purchase a copy of the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005, priced at £3.00 each, please visit <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2005/20051643.htm>

For guidance regarding application of the Regulations within normal working environments, please visit <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg362.pdf>

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