

# DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

between

**theAboutProject Foundation**

registered in Poland as a charity under KRS number 0000641102  
at office address ul. Leśna 20, 32-052 Radziszów, Poland,  
represented by Marcin Jaroszek – President of the Board

and

**Patrick Stirling-Aird and Mrs Susan Stirling-Aird,**  
both of Old Kippenross, Dunblane, Perthshire, Scotland

The AboutProject Foundation and Mr and Mrs Stirling-Aird agree (1) to cooperate to commemorate Jane Wilhelmina Stirling so as to bring to life those facts related to the contribution which she made to Frédéric Chopin in the ultimate years of his life, as well as after his death and (2) to inaugurate the Jane Stirling Project accordingly.

## **Mission Statement**

1. The Parties agree that literature may have for years dismissed Jane Stirling's commitment to preserving the legacy of Frédéric Chopin. Overly focused on the often romantic relationships Frédéric Chopin maintained with his female admirers, Chopinologists appear to have shown too little interest in Jane Stirling, who successfully evaded the limelight and truly provided help for Chopin when he really needed it. The Parties agree that this neglect needs to be redressed.
2. The Parties recognize that the Jane Stirling Project has cultural and intercultural benefits as it will provide its beneficiaries with historical and musical interpretive experiences, including the opportunity to rediscover and redefine our cultures as well as to revive and further strengthen the historical and modern-European bonds between Poland and Scotland.
3. The Parties agree that the goal of the Project can be accomplished by organising cultural, musical, and educational events in Poland and Scotland, as well as in other countries. These events include, *inter alia*, a Jane Stirling Festival to be organised annually by theAboutProject Foundation.

4. Subject to paragraph 5, the Parties agree that these commitments represent a public statement of intent to participate in the project, to strive to identify opportunities and solutions whenever possible, to contribute assistance and support for the benefit of the Project within the limits of the available resources, and to collaborate in promoting the venture.
5. The Declaration of Cooperation shall impose no liability or obligation upon either of the Parties. In particular, Mr and Mrs Stirling-Aird shall incur no financial liability under the Declaration of Cooperation and shall not be liable for debts (if any) of the AboutProject Foundation and/or of the Project itself.
6. Cooperation between the Parties shall continue to develop in a practical fashion, taking into account each Party's specific mandate, expertise, procedures, and capabilities.

#### Revision and Termination of the Declaration

7. The Declaration shall be subject to revision by mutual agreement between the Parties.
8. The Declaration may be terminated by any of the Parties, with written notice given one month in advance of the termination date.

#### Entry into Force

9. The Declaration of Cooperation shall come into force upon its signature by both Parties.

Concluded at Old Kippenross, Dunblane, on 4 November 2016

On behalf of Mr and Mrs Stirling-Aird

*P.F. Stirling Aird*  
*Susan Stirling Aird*

Patrick Stirling-Aird of Kippenross  
and Mrs Susan Stirling-Aird of Kippenross

On behalf of the AboutProject Foundation

*Marcin Jaroszek*

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