

# Carnatic Music Association of Indianapolis

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CARNATIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF INDIANAPOLIS

### **ARTICLES**

#### **1. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The association will be called as Carnatic Music Association of Indianapolis

#### **2. OBJECTIVES**

To promote and foster carnatic music  
To organize performances in carnatic music and related dances  
To provide opportunities to develop talents in carnatic music  
To expose and carry out educational activities in carnatic music for the benefit of the local community  
To serve as a forum for educational information exchange on carnatic music between the people of India and the U.S.A.

#### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

Three types of memberships are available

Family membership: This is open to all families upon payment of annual membership fee. ( A family is defined as member, spouse and dependant children .) This membership will entitle the family members to be admitted free of charge for upto two concerts per year. Members will also be admitted to additional concerts at reduced rates.

Single membership: This is open to all individuals upon payment of annual membership fee. This membership will entitle the individual member to be admitted free of charge for upto two concerts per year. Members will also be admitted to additional concerts at reduced rates.

Student members: Full-time students who are registered in a college / university will be eligible for membership at reduced rate.

Only members in good standing are eligible to vote and serve in various committees.  
Membership privileges are not transferrable.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

Membership is open to anyone interested in carnatic music.  
Membership shall be free from any discrimination based on race, religion, ethnicity, national origin or sex.

#### **5. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues are payable after the first of January of each year. The executive committee may periodically decide on the membership dues. No part of the membership dues or any earnings shall be distributed to any member or officer of the association or any other private person except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions for the furtherance of the purposes set forth in the objectives of the association.



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## 6. MEETINGS

Annual meeting: The annual meeting of the members of the association shall be held no later than November of each year. The executive committee shall notify the members at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Special meetings: Special meetings of the members may be called by the president with the approval of the executive committee or by written request to the president signed by at least 25% of the members.

Notice of the meetings: All general body meetings will be conducted after 10 days of written notice.

Voting Rights: Only members are eligible to vote, provided all dues have been paid. For voting purposes, membership consists of one vote for each spouse.

Voting by proxy: An eligible member may vote either in person or by proxy. The proxy should be filed with the secretary, in writing, prior to the meeting.

Quorum: Twenty five percent of total members constitutes a quorum. A simple majority in the quorum constitutes a passing vote.

## 7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations for the incoming executive committee must be sought for by the president of the present executive committee, from the general body of members, thirty days prior to the end of the calendar year. Voting and election will be conducted by mail.

## 8. COMMITTEES

Executive Committee: This committee will be responsible for the execution of the goals set forth. The term of the committee will be one year. The committee will consist of 1. President 2. Vice-President 3. Secretary 4. Treasurer 5. Joint-Secretary. The committee shall be elected by the general membership. The past president of the executive committee shall serve as an ex-officio on the current executive committee.

Advisory committee(s): The president of the executive committee may appoint any committee(s) to help him / her in the conduct of the activities of the Association. All appointed committees will cease to exist on or before the last day of the calendar year.

Vacancies: In case of a vacancy for any reason, the executive committee will appoint a new member for the remaining term.

## 9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

President: 1. Preside over the executive committee meetings. 2. Responsible for overall leadership, guidance and execution of all affairs of the association

Vice-President: 1. The vice-president shall assist the president in the conduct of the affairs of the association and preside over the meetings in the absence of the president.

Secretary: 1. Maintain records of assets. 2. Maintain minutes of meetings 3. Responsible for informing members of the annual meeting and any special meetings. 4. Assist in other organizational affairs.



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Treasurer: 1. Keep records of accounts, showing at all times the financial status 2. Assist in other organizational affairs.

Joint-Secretary: Assist the secretary in the described work and organizational affairs.

## 10. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

No confidence resolution may be brought against the members of the executive committee. Such a resolution shall require for its passage an approval of 2/3 of the general body members.

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Fiscal year: The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the first day of the January of each year and end on the last day of December of such year

B. Accounts: Detailed accounts( income and expenses with documents) must be turned in by 31st of January by the executive committee to the treasurer of the next executive committee. The checks will be signed by the treasurer or the president.

## 12. AMENDMENTS

A. All or any of the above by-laws may be amended or repealed by affirmative vote of 2/3 of members present(or by proxy) if a quorum is present, provided proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members with a call for such a meeting at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

B. Transfer of assets: An amendment requiring transfer of assets to any other organization will require the approval of 2/3 of members where 51% of members are present

## 13. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the carnatic music association of Indianapolis, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the organization, the assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

