

**The Bloomington Normal Youth Symphony**  
**Articles of Association**

**Article I. Name.**

The name of the organization shall be the Bloomington Normal Youth Symphony, hereinafter referred to as “BNYS.” It shall be incorporated under the Illinois statutes for not-for-profit corporations.

**Article II. Office.**

The location of the BNYS principle office shall be 113 N. Adelaide, Normal, Illinois 61761. The mailing address shall be PO Box 382, Normal, IL 61761. The BNYS may have such other offices, as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

**Article III. Purpose.**

Section 1. Mission.

The mission of the BNYS is to expand and enhance the musical development of its members by providing opportunities for them to study, learn, and perform music of the great masters. BNYS seeks to enrich the quality of life for members, schools, and families in the surrounding community, and to foster a lifelong appreciation of music.

Section 2. Classification of purpose.

BNYS is organized exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Article IV. Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year of BNYS shall be from August 1 to July 31.

**Article V. Funds Management and Authority.**

No individual member has the authority to obligate the BNYS in any way. In doing so that member becomes personally responsible for that obligation and not the BNYS.

**Article VI. Membership.**

Section 1. Eligibility.

Membership in the BNYS is open to instrumentalists up to and including those 21 years of age.

Section 2. Participation in School Music Program.

All BNYS members are required to be in an appropriate school music organization unless their school does not have a music program.

Section 3. Fees.

Students are assessed a membership fee set forth by the BNYS Board of Directors.

**Article VII. Management of BNYS.**

The BNYS shall be managed, supervised, and controlled by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than 5 and no more than 12 voting members. As detailed in the BNYS Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall include officers and members-at-large. All employed staff of the BNYS shall be *ex officio* non-voting members of the Board of Directors. Such staff positions may include, but are not limited to, conductor(s) and the manager.

**Article VIII. Code of Bylaws.**

The Board of Directors of the BNYS shall have the power to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of the BNYS, which shall be the operating document specifying organizational structure and procedures.

**Article IX. Indemnification of Board of Directors.**

The BNYS shall indemnify every member of the Board of Directors against all liabilities and expenses to which they may actually and reasonably become subject by reason of their positions with BNYS or their service on its behalf to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Article X. Dissolution.**

Upon the dissolution of BNYS, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principle 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 exclusively for such purposes.

**Article XI. Amendments.**

These articles may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting for which a quorum exists. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board and sent electronically to each member of the Board of Directors no fewer than fourteen (14) days, and no more than forty-five (45) days before a vote is to take place.

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