

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY BANDS

The undersigned, intending to form a Virginia nonstock corporation pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, state(s) as follows:

ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is The Mount Vernon Community Bands.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The Mount Vernon Community Bands (MVCBs) is organized exclusively for charitable, cultural, social, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its activities include sharing the joy of live music with its members and audiences and making donations to other qualified 501(c)(3) organizations. The corporation will engage only in activities permitted by law and consistent with maintaining its tax-exempt status.

Subject to the limitations outlined in Article VII below, the objectives of the MVCBs shall be:

- To create and maintain a non-profit community band organization encompassing a collection of musical ensembles.
- To offer qualified musicians from Mount Vernon and surrounding communities an opportunity to practice and perform music together.
- To contribute to the enhancement of the performing arts in Northern Virginia and the surrounding communities through live performances.
- To foster music education for community members of all ages

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

The corporation shall have one or more classes of members with such designations, qualifications and rights as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

After the expiration of the term of the initial directors, future directors shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Directors shall be elected by the members annually as set forth in the bylaws. Any director vacancy arising during a term shall be filled by the remaining directors. Any director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the conclusion of the term of the vacated director.

ARTICLE V

REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name of the corporation's initial registered agent is Mary Henry, who is a resident of Virginia and an initial director of the corporation.

The address of the corporation's initial registered office, which is identical to the business office of the initial registered agent, is [REDACTED] Alexandria, VA 22309. The registered office is located in the County of Fairfax.

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

- Mary Henry [REDACTED]
- Michael Barr [REDACTED]
- Kelly Childress [REDACTED]
- Rebecca Chisholm [REDACTED]
- Jeff Zielonka [REDACTED]

ARTICLE VII

LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying out of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the locality in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Signed by the Incorporators as of 31 May 2025