

BYLAWS: Lewis P. Tabarrini Children's Music Outreach Foundation

Article I. Name and Purpose

1. **Name:** The name of the organization shall be *The Lewis P. Tabarrini Children's Music Outreach Foundation, Inc.* ("the Tabarrini Foundation").
 2. **Purpose:** The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - o The primary mission of the Foundation is to provide musical education, access to instruments, scholarships, and related opportunities to children in Southwest Florida, that do not have the means to do it on their own, regardless of background or economic status.
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Article II. Non-Discrimination Policy

1. The Tabarrini Foundation admits students and beneficiaries of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded or made available through the Foundation.
 2. The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, scholarships, or programs.
 3. This policy shall be publicly stated and included in official communications, including the Foundation's website and printed materials.
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Article III. Offices

1. The principal office of the Foundation shall be located in the State of Florida.
 2. The Foundation may have such other offices as the Board of Directors determines to be necessary.
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Article IV. Board of Directors

1. **Authority:** The Board of Directors ("the Board") shall have supervision, control, and direction of the management, affairs, and property of the Foundation.
2. **Number and Qualification:** The Board shall consist of no fewer than three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) Directors. Directors must support the mission of the Foundation.

3. **Election and Term:** Directors shall be elected by the Board and may serve consecutive terms.
 4. **Meetings:** The Board shall meet at least annually. Special meetings may be called by the Directors.
 5. **Quorum:** A majority of the Directors and board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 6. **Voting:** Decisions shall be made by majority vote of the board members and Directors present, unless otherwise required by law or these bylaws.
 7. **Compensation:** Directors shall not receive compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for authorized expenses.
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Article V. Officers

1. The officers of the Foundation shall be: Directors, Board Members
 2. **Duties:**
 - **Director:** Presides over meetings and provides leadership to the Board.
 - **Co-Director:** Assists the Director and assumes equal duties.
 - **Director:** Maintains minutes, records, and official documents.
 - **Treasurer:** Oversees financial records and reports.
 3. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board and serve one-year terms.
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Article VI. Committees

1. The Board may establish committees as needed (e.g., Finance, Fundraising, Programs).
 2. Committees shall report to the Board and act only within the authority granted to them.
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Article VII. Fiscal Policies

1. The fiscal year of the Foundation shall be July 1 through June 30.
 2. The Board shall adopt an annual budget and oversee financial management.
 3. All funds shall be used exclusively to advance the Foundation's exempt purposes.
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Article VIII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given to each Director at least ten (10) days in advance.

Article IX. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Foundation, assets shall be distributed exclusively for charitable or educational purposes to an organization(s) qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Board.