

The



**University of the State of New York**  
**Department of Education**

**Absolute Charter of**  
**New York State School Music Association**

**This instrument witnesseth** *That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has granted this absolute charter*

1. Incorporating Glyn L. Freeman, Harry A. King, Robert C. Grant, John L. Kingon, William A. Groeling, Joseph Cizek, Roy C. Wilkinson, Lozère Thompson, Victor Salva, Peter J. Wilhousky and Marie Dan ten Brueck and their associates and successors as an educational corporation under the corporate name of New York State School Music Association, the operations of the corporation to be conducted in the State of New York.

2. The purposes for which such corporation is formed are:

- a. To stimulate interest in the study of music in the public, private, and parochial schools of New York State;
- b. To secure wider recognition of the educational value of music;
- c. To encourage a carry-over of school music training into the musical, social and home life of the community as a vital part of its cultural, recreational and leisure-time activities; and
- d. To foster professional growth, leadership and good fellowship among the members of the association.

3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have power to adopt bylaws including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power also by vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than five.

4. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonstock corporation, organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and no part of its earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no officer, member or employee of the corporation shall receive or be entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.

5. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the city of Cornell, county of Steuben and State of New York, at the office of the executive secretary-treasurer of the association, or in such other place within the State of New York as shall be the location of the office of the executive secretary-treasurer.

6. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.

Seal

*Just Myers*  
 Chancellor

**Granted** September 28, 1955 by the Board of Regents  
 for and on behalf of the State Education Department,  
 executed under the seal of said Department  
 and recorded therein. Number **6781**

*James A. G. Allen*  
 President of the University  
 and Commissioner of Education