Articles of Association

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Swiss Indian Fine Arts Association

Form of Organisation, Purpose/Cause & Seat

Art 1.

FORM OF ORGANISATION

The "Swiss Indian Fine Arts Association", or "SIFAA" (hereinafter referred to as SIFAA), is a non-profit, non-religious association, organised according to the articles 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code (Schweizerisches Zivilgesetzbuch). The association exists for an unlimited duration.

Art 2.

PURPOSE/CAUSE

The purpose of SIFAA is:

- to create a platform whose primary sentiment is the (re)presentation of the cultural diversity of India;
- to create a platform that (re)presents all of India's rich cultural diversity and heritage;
- to create a platform that presents to and educates everybody on the diverse cultures of India as well as the culture of India;
- to create a platform for artists who practice Indian arts, to showcase their art and support them;
- to create a platform that ignites and revives the interest in Indian culture amongst the younger generations by educating and promoting young(er) and upcoming artists;
- to collaborate with other like-minded associations and organisations for a mutual promotion of India's rich cultural diversity;

Art 3.

SEAT

The present seat of the association is at 8134 Adliswil, Zürich.

E-Mail: info@sifaa.ch

Website: sifaa.ch

For any legal dispute, the relevant civil court is that of Adliswil.

Efforts shall be made to settle any dispute through arbitration and conciliation before taking a step to court.

Organisation

Art 4.

ORGANS

The organs of SIFAA are:

- The Members
- The Board
- The Executive Committee (EC)

Art. 5

MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Definition

Any individual who is interested to participate in any manner may join this association, irrespective of age, sex, status, class or caste so long as they fulfil all of the following criteria

- recognise and agree with the Purpose/Cause (Art. 2)
- recognise and agree with the Organisation (Art. 1, 3 - 21)
- have the approval of the EC

Memberships are only terminated upon request, expulsion, or death (as defined in article 5.6) and members are expected to contribute their payments until such time as they are no longer members of SIFAA (as defined in article 5.5).

5.2 Types of Member-ship

The association contains following membership categories:

- Artists
- Patrons
- Partners

Artists encompass individuals who practise an art form and can become a member after submission of special documentation as well as approval by the EC. Artists are entitled to participate in all events and activities organised by SIFAA as well as to perform with compensation. SIFAA does not guarantee an artist the opportunity to perform. To perform at SIFAA, the artist must have

joined SIFAA; the only exception is for schools, in which case the teacher of the performing group must have joined SIFAA. The family of an artist can also become members and will have to pay a family membership fee of 100 CHF instead of 150 CHF. As members of the SIFAA, they undertake to pay the full membership according to date of entry in accordance with article 5.4.

Patrons encompass individuals above 12 years of age who are interested in the Fine Arts and supporting them as well as the practicing artists. Patrons are entitled to participate in all events and activities organized by the SIFAA. As members of the SIFAA, they undertake to pay the full membership according to date of entry in accordance with article 5.4.

- Patrons who are part of a family, either (grand)parent or (grand)child, are titled Family Member and enjoy all benefits of a Patron.
- Patrons who are between 12 years and 25 years of age and/or are students at a recognised educational institution are titled Students and enjoy all benefits of a Patron.
- Patrons who are enthusiastic about furthering the cause of the SIFAA and have substantial resources at their disposal can become Legacy Patrons and contribute financial amounts that exceed the membership fees defined in article 5.4 for Patrons by a substantial amount.
    - Patrons with contributions exceeding 1’000 CHF annually are Bronze Legacy Patrons
    - Patrons with contributions exceeding 2’500 CHF annually are Silver Legacy Patrons
    - Patrons with contributions exceeding 5’000 CHF annually are Gold Legacy Patrons
    - Patrons with contributions exceeding 10’000 CHF annually are Platinum Legacy Patrons
    - Patrons with contributions exceeding 50’000 CHF annually are Diamond Legacy Patrons

Partners encompass individuals, organisations and associations who are interested in the Fine Arts and wish to support them by furthering the cause of the SIFAA.

- Individuals that are Prestigious Members of Local, National, or International Organisations as well as organisations and associations

(as defined by the EC) are titled Institutional Partners and enjoy all benefits of a Patron without any membership fees upon invitation by the President.

- Individuals that work for a large media company (as defined by the EC) and can promote the SIFAA as well as its cause are titled Media Partners and enjoy all benefits of a Patron without any membership fees upon invitation by the President.

5.3 Application

Applications for membership must be submitted via the official SIFAA Registration Form found on the joining website to swissindianfinearts@gmail.com. The EC regulates the admission, which is complete upon payment of the respective membership fees pursuant to article 5.4.

5.4 Membership Fees

The financial year of the SIFAA starts on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st December. Membership fees are due within 2 weeks of handing in the official SIFAA Registration Form, and are valid for 1 year from the date of payment. Memberships are recurring and are accepted rolling-in.

The membership fees for an Artist are CHF 50.00. The definition of this membership is defined in article 5.2.

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The membership fees for a member of the Board is 200.00 CHF. The definition of this membership is defined in article 6.

The membership fees for a member of the Executive Committee is 600.00 CHF. The definition of this membership is defined in article 9.

A Legacy Patron does not have a predefined membership fee structure. The definition of this membership is defined in article 5.2.

Partners, meaning both Institutional Partners as well as Media Partners, are not required to pay any membership fees.

5.5

Any member of SIFAA, once officially joined, has the right to participation at

Rights of members

all events and activities by SIFAA as well as partnering events. The member also has the right to initiate or suggest new activities, events, or ideas of such. Should a member have any issue, request, comment, concern, complaint or point of dissatisfaction, they are entitled to a meeting with the Executive Committee upon a written submission to swissindianfinearts@gmail.com. Members also have the right to participate in the (annual) Townhall, where SIFAA provides a review of the previous year, an outlook of the coming year, and answers any questions by the members.

5.5 Termination

The Membership of SIFAA expires upon:

- Leaving
- Expulsion
- Death

The leaving of the SIFAA is completed upon submission of the official SIFAA Exit Form, which will be sent to a member upon request to the EC.

The expulsion of a member can be pronounced by the Executive Committee against any member who is guilty of dishonorable behavior or who harms the interests of the SIFAA. The decision will be communicated in writing to the concerned member and will be effective immediately.

The Board

Art. 6

The Board consists of people of strategic interest to SIFAA (as defined by the EC). Members of the Board as well as their families enjoy all the benefits of a Patron.

Art. 7

The members of the Boards have the following rights:

- Right to attend and participate in all events and activities (co-)organised by SIFAA
- Right to receive administrative as well as financial support when organising an event in matters of culture and tradition (to be defined on a case-by-case basis)
- Regular meetings with the EC to receive updates about SIFAA news as well as discuss new items of business

Art. 8

The members of the Board are expected to fulfil the following duties:

- Be brand-ambassadors of SIFAA and support SIFAA in its mission and purpose in all of their events and activities
- Expected to acquire new memberships for SIFAA as defined on an individual basis
- If SIFAA has entered into an agreement for financial or administrative support, the member of the Board is expected to acquire memberships that match at least 80% of the financial contribution made by SIFAA

Executive Committee

Art. 9 The Executive Committee is the supreme body in charge of all aspects of the association and takes all necessary measures to achieve the purpose of the association. The Executive Committee decides on all matters that pertain to SIFAA. Every Executive Committee is also a member of the Board and thus has the same rights and duties.

Art. 10 The Executive Committee is composed of:

- President
- Treasurer
- Other members

Accumulation of offices is allowed.

Art. 11 The President of SIFAA is Aniruddhan Balakrishnan, nominated for life. The President has the power to nominate anoint and remove other members of the EC according to the President’s choosing.

Art. 12 The SIFAA is bound by the signature of the President and the Treasurer. The EC represents the SIFAA externally.

Art. 13 The Executive Committee is responsible for the accounting of the Association

Events

Art. 14 The SIFAA will undertake to host events in major cities all over Switzerland on an annual basis, if not more frequent.

Audit

Art. 15 The EC will create an audit and maintain the records in a professional manner.

Assets

Art. 16 The assets of the Association are formed from membership fees, surpluses from the operating account, from any donations, contributions to events and bequests.

Art. 17 The assets of the association alone are liable for the liabilities of the association. The personal liability of the members for the liabilities of the association is excluded.

Members whose membership expires before a possible dissolution of the association have no claim to the association's assets.

Change of Statutes and Dissolution

Art. 18 Amendment of the Articles of Association requires an unanimous vote by the EC.

Art. 19 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the EC shall determine the distribution of the liquidation proceeds, which must be in accordance with the purpose of the Association.

Closing

These articles of association were adopted by the meeting held on 14.01.2023 in Zurich and are valid with immediate effect.

Zurich, the 14th February 2023 Executive Committee, 2023

On behalf of the association:

Treasurer	EC Member	EC Member
Seshadri Amarapuram	Venkatesh Sivasubramaniam	Kumar Ramamoorthy

President	EC Member
Aniruddhan Balakrishnan	Sakambari Venkataraman