CONSTITUTION:

Viola Nation at Ohio State

We, students at The Ohio State University are interested in playing and teaching the viola. In order to promote a high level of viola playing within the School of Music, provide a means for organizing events concerning our area of interest, and make connections with the community, we establish this constitution.

Article I - Creation and Purpose

1. Name: This organization shall be known by the title Viola Nation at Ohio State.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be:
   a. To promote the viola and music at Ohio State and in the Columbus community.
   b. To provide Ohio State students with additional performance, teaching, and learning opportunities related to the viola.
   c. To establish networking opportunities for Ohio State student musicians within the Columbus community and beyond.

Article II – Governing Documents

The articles and bylaws of this Constitution shall govern this association where applicable.

Article III - Membership

1. General Membership: Membership in Viola Nation at Ohio State shall be open to all students interested in playing or learning about the viola, at the undergraduate and graduate level. Members shall be required to be students of The Ohio State University in good standing. There shall be no membership dues.

1. Member Removal: Removal of a member may take place at any general meeting for which at least two weeks’ notice has been given to all members by a three-fourth vote of the membership. The member in question shall be allowed to make a case in his or her defense if he or she chooses. A petition must be presented, signed by at least one-fifth of the membership, for removal proceedings to be placed on the agenda of a meeting.

2. Non-Discrimination Clause: This organization and its members shall not
discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status.

**Article IV – Officers**

1. The officers of this organization shall be:
   a. President
   b. Vice-President
   c. Treasurer

2. Duties of the officers shall be outlined in the bylaws.

3. All officers must be members in good standing of the Viola Studio at The Ohio State University School of Music.

4. All officers shall serve for a period of one year, elected in May. Officers elected in May will begin their term on June 1st.

5. Election shall be by a simple majority.

6. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, a general election shall be held. The Vice-President shall serve as President Pro-tem until such an election may be held.

7. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor to fill the remainder of the term.

8. Impeachment of an officer may take place at any general meeting for which at least two weeks’ notice has been given to all members by a three-fourth vote of the membership. The officer in question shall be allowed to make a case in his or her defense if he or she chooses. A petition must be presented, signed by at least one-fifth of the membership, for impeachment proceedings to be placed on the agenda of a meeting.

9. The Executive Board shall comprise the Officers. Duties of the Executive Board shall be set forth in the Organization By-Laws.

**Article V – Faculty Advisor**

1. The Faculty Advisor must be a member in good standing of The Ohio State University School of Music faculty.

2. The role of the Faculty Advisor shall be set forth in the Organization By-Laws.
3. The Faculty Advisor shall be appointed by the Officers.

4. The Faculty Advisor shall serve a term without limitation. The Faculty Advisor need not be reappointed from one year to the next. The Faculty Advisor shall serve until he/she is no longer a member of the School of Music faculty, is impeached, or resigns (temporarily or permanently) from the position.

5. Impeachment of the Faculty Advisor may take place at any general meeting for which at least two weeks’ notice has been given to all members by a three-fourth vote of the membership. The Faculty Advisor shall be allowed to make a case in his or her defense if he or she chooses. A petition must be presented, signed by at least one-fifth of the membership, for impeachment proceedings to be placed on the agenda of a meeting.

6. In the event of a vacancy in the role of the Faculty Advisor, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor.

Article VI – Meetings

Viola Nation at Ohio State shall meet at least once a semester during the autumn and spring. The President shall call meetings.

Article VII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member and are to be supported by a petition of one-fifth of the membership. Following at least a three-week publicity period, amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

Article VIII - Ratification

This Constitution shall go into effect when ratified by two-thirds of the membership and approved by the Faculty Advisor.
BYLAWS:

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be set forth in the Constitution.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be set forth in the Constitution.

Article III – Membership

2. Membership shall be set forth in the Constitution.

3. Members shall be required to be students of The Ohio State University in good standing.

4. There shall be no membership dues.

Article IV – Officers

1. The officers of the organization shall be provided for in the Constitution.

2. The duties of the President shall be as follows:
   a. To preside at general membership and Executive Board meetings.
   b. To work closely with the Faculty Advisor and other officers in planning activities of the organization.
   c. To be responsible for all correspondence of the membership and the Executive Board.
   d. To organize all advertising of meetings and events.
   e. To supervise and coordinate all activities of Viola Nation at Ohio State.
   f. Plan and organize meeting programs and special programs.
   g. Organize a membership drive on campus.
   h. Follow all training and other requirements set forth by the Ohio Union.
   i. To create any committee and appoint its members.
   j. To serve as parliamentarian.

3. The duties of the Vice-President shall be as follows:
   a. To be available to the President at all times and to perform such duties as the President deems necessary.
   b. To officiate in the place of the President in event of absence.
   c. To serve as co-chairman of any committee.
   d. To keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all Executive Board and general membership meetings.
   e. To arrange those records for permanent, efficient reference.

4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:
   a. To keep an accurate record of all money received or paid out.
b. To collect dues and handle all other financial matters.
c. To follow all training and other requirements set forth by the Ohio Union.

Article V – Faculty Advisor

The role of the Faculty Advisor shall be as follows:

d. To provide guidance and support for the officers and general members of the organization.
e. Follow all training and other requirements set forth by the Ohio Union.

Article VI – Meetings

1. Meetings shall be of two types—regular and special.

2. Regular meetings shall be arranged as stated in the Constitution. These meetings shall be held at least once a semester during the autumn and spring.

3. Special meetings may be called by any member of the Executive Board or by petition of one-fifth of the general membership.

4. Requirements for general membership are set forth by Article III in the Constitution.

5. One-third of the general membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII – Executive Board

1. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Board.

2. All expenditures of money shall be approved by at least two members of the Executive Board and shall be made by the treasurer.

3. The Executive Board shall meet at least once a semester during the autumn and spring.

Articles XI – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with any rules of The Ohio State University.

Article X – Amendments

Any member at any regular or special business meeting may propose amendments to these bylaws. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of a quorum at such meetings.