

Mandi Theater

Bylaws

Article I

The legal name shall be Mandi Theater. It is a non-profit Public Benefit Corporation incorporated in the State of Illinois as a voluntary charitable organization of people interested in amateur, non-remunerative theatre.

The principal office for the transaction of the activities and affairs of the corporation is located at **23 Willow Pkwy, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089**. The founder and president may change the principal office from one location to another. Any change of location of the principal's office shall be noted by the secretary on these bylaws opposite this Section, or this Section may be amended to state the new location.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

SECTION 1: The objects of the corporation shall be those set out in the Articles of Incorporation and Charter of the Corporation.

SECTION 2: The purposes of the Corporation are:

- To preserve, practice, and promote India's great theatrical tradition.
- To educate, inform and entertain our community via subjects revolving around social issues and values pertinent to the lives of young people.
- To strengthen the role of 'Traditional Indian Theatre in the arts community of Chicago area and enhance our national reputation.

In addition to above, Mandi Theater's purpose is also to stimulate, promote, teach and develop interest in the dramatic arts; to educate the general public in the dramatic arts; to advance the general level of culture in the field of dramatic arts by the establishment and maintenance of theater for the production of plays, readings, dramas, comedies, shows and dramatic arts in all forms and of the highest standards; and to bring all aspects of the dramatic arts to areas and centers not adequately served at the present time.

Article II

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall incur the benefit of, or be distributable to, the members, directors, or officers of the Corporation, except that the Corporation shall have the authority and power to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying out propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any succeeding or future Federal income tax law).
3. We also prohibit any payments except for (a) reimbursement of expenses or (b) services provided other than as a director or officer.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership shall be voluntary.

SECTION 2: Active members shall be those who have purchased ‘annual membership’ for the current year; the price of season tickets shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors. Members shall be eligible to participate in all activities, to hold office and to receive all other rights and benefits of membership.

Article IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Officers and Their Elections

SECTION 1: Board members and their elections

The Executive Committee, beginning in 2025, will consist of five key members: Chairperson/President, Secretary, Committee Chair, Advisory/Artistic Director, and Founder/Treasurer. These positions will collectively oversee and manage the organization’s activities, focusing on strategy, operations, fundraising, and creative direction.

Founder/Treasurer: Oversees the organization’s financial operations, ensure the mission is maintained, and sign contracts. Additionally, they serve as the Treasurer and lead grant writing for the year.

Chairperson/President: Presides over all meetings, supervises the organization’s affairs, and ensures alignment with its vision. They appoint committee chairs and hold authority over the organization’s operations.

Secretary: Maintains accurate records of meetings, manages membership data, and supports revenue generation through sponsorships with the President's assistance.

Committee Chair: Leads specific committees, ensuring that their goals align with the overall mission and that tasks are effectively executed.

Advisory/Artistic Director: Advises the Board on business matters and helps the organization improve its creative offerings, ensuring it meets audience needs and organizational goals.

Starting in 2025, the Board of Directors will consist of these five positions, ensuring efficient governance and decision-making.

- The Board of Directors shall meet third Wednesday, once in two months. The date and place of each scheduled meeting shall be posted via email. Head of Executive board or the secretary may call Special board meetings. Notice to directors shall be in person or by telephone.

- A member who shall miss two (2) or more regularly scheduled board meetings in a twelve-month period shall be removed from office upon notice by the Executive Director/ Secretary. Most directors shall constitute a quorum for all business and most of a quorum shall pass valid acts.

SECTION 2: Legal Advisor

Additionally, there can be a Legal Advisor who shall be a practicing attorney. Their duties shall be to advise and guide the Board in legal matters. They shall give such legal counsel without reimbursement or the payment of any fee, except that he shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket costs.

Article V

Play Directors.

The Executive Committee shall appoint play directors, producers, technical director, costume directors and various other roles related to specific performance from time to time. People assuming the responsibility for the play direction will do so with full knowledge that they are expected to function according to procedures and policies established by the Executive Committee.

Article VI

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws can be amended at a called meeting and approved by all the board members.

Certificate of Secretary (for office use only)

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Mandi Theater, an Illinois based nonprofit organization, that the above bylaws, consisting of three (3) pages, are the bylaws of this corporation as adopted by the membership on 01/10/2025, and that this is the first modification since incorporation.

Approved and executed on 10th Jan. 2025 _ (date) at Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Swati Pandey

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Jayanta Mukherjee

(President - Jayanta Mukherjee)