



MUSIC ARRANGERS' GUILD OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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2. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Persons eligible for membership of the Guild shall be those who undertake work as Arrangers, Electronic Arrangers, Orchestrators and Copyists of music at a standard no lower than that required by the Guild.
- (b) An applicant for membership shall submit to the Secretary of the Guild a written application on a form provided by the Secretary. The application form shall include a pledge in the following form:

Mr
Mrs
I, Miss
Ms

Hereby apply to MAGA Incorporated for membership and PLEDGE myself to observe the recommended fees and conditions laid down by the Guild, together with any amendments or alterations, which the National Executive may make from time to time.

I FURTHER PLEDGE myself to abide by the Rules of MAGA Incorporated and do all in my power to enhance the prestige of the arranging and copying profession.

If the applicant is in Australia on a work permit, a copy of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs form M 148 (3-73) 18, or its future equivalent, properly completed to show the exact nature of the work to be undertaken, duration of stay and conditions of employment must be appended to this application.

Signature of
Applicant
Date

Residential Address Postcode
Postal Address Telephone Postcode

Telephone

Witness

WE, the undersigned, being four (4) members of the National Executive of MAGA Incorporated HEREBY RECOMMEND the admission of the abovementioned applicant to the Guild and affirm his/her work to be in accordance with the standard required by the Rules of MAGA Incorporated.

Date Remarks

- (c) (i) An application for membership shall be submitted to the National Executive, which shall require the applicant to submit to the arranging test and/or copying test, referred to herein. If following consideration of the applicant's test, the National Executive determines that the applicant is suitably qualified to be a member of the Guild, then the National Executive shall admit the applicant to membership of the Guild, in the respective category/categories.
- (ii) **ARRANGING TEST:** The applicant shall be asked to submit one or more fully arranged score(s) of their choosing, which must meet these criteria:
- Scores must be arranged for the instrumentation of a minimum of NINE (9) players. For instance: Concert Band, Wind Band, Jazz Ensemble (5 frontline and 4 rhythm section), Big Band SATB choir with ensemble, Chamber Orchestra or Full Orchestra for a minimum of **32** bars.
- (a) The National Executive will not attempt to pass judgment on the artistic concept of the test arrangement, only on the basis of its academic musical correctness.
- (b) The National Executive will also be looking for knowledge of transposition and range of instruments.
- (c) The Guild may request a recent CV listing the Applicant's experience as an arranger to date.
- (d) A sound understanding of harmony and voice-leading must be exhibited.
- (e) The Applicant must show a degree of creative adaptation from the original melody within their arrangement. A mere solo instrumental line with accompaniment will not suffice the Guild's requirements.
- (f) Original compositions will not be acceptable.
- (iii) **ELECTRONIC ARRANGING TEST:** The test will consist of a minimum of sixty (60) seconds of finished musical work, presented to the National Executive on either audio cassette or CD, which must accompany the application. An Electronic Arranger member may, at any time, apply for regular Arranger and/or Copyist membership, by sitting for the appropriate test, at no further cost to the member.
- (iv) **COPYING TEST:** The applicant shall be asked to supply a sample of his/her work and, in the presence of at least one of the National Executive, shall be required to copy not less than two (2) pages from a supplied score, which shall include some transposition. The applicant's test shall be judged on its accuracy, neatness and layout.
- (v) The National Executive's decision shall be final. If the applicant fails the test, it does not prohibit him/her applying for membership at a later date.
- (vi) The applicant, upon acceptance, shall remit the proper entrance fee and subscription together with the price of the stamp(s) and insert(s) at cost.
- (vii) The National Executive shall report all admissions to the next following General Meeting, which shall have the power to annul the admission.
- (d) Members of the Guild shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the Guild.

- (e) A member in good standing shall not be in arrears with his/her contributions or levies to the Guild, and shall not be indebted to any other member of the Guild for any work commissioned by him/her.

- (f) Partnerships, businesses and companies, of which at least one principal, partner or director is already a member of MAGA Incorporated, shall be eligible for admission into the Guild as a Business or Corporate Member of MAGA Incorporated, for as long as such principal, partner or director of that organization remains a MAGA Incorporated member. Applications for such membership shall be submitted on a proforma of the Guild, for consideration of the National Executive. Such membership shall be conferred at no extra subscription charge to the respective MAGA Incorporated member, except for the cost of the MAGA Incorporated stamp and year insert, if required by the member.