



Garry Gekhman Foundation

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTER

Established: July 9, 2024

The Garry Gekhman Foundation (“GGF”) hereby establishes itself as a professional peer group representing the field of ballroom dance, including performance, choreography, dance instruction, and artistic leadership. This organizational charter defines the purpose, authority, and structure under which the Foundation operates as a recognized body qualified to issue expert consultation opinions for O-1 and O-2 visa petitions for individuals of extraordinary ability in the performing arts.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

The Garry Gekhman Foundation is dedicated to supporting excellence in ballroom dance, promoting professional opportunities for dancers worldwide, advancing dance education, and fostering artistic development. The Foundation serves as an authoritative voice in the ballroom dance community through its recognized experts and leadership.

AUTHORITY AS A PEER GROUP

The Foundation’s Peer Review Committee is composed of internationally recognized champions, adjudicators, master instructors, and artistic leaders whose credentials reflect the highest level of achievement in the field. As such, the Foundation possesses the necessary expertise to evaluate the qualifications of dancers and dance educators seeking O-1/O-2 nonimmigrant classification.

PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Garry Gekhman
- Igor Pilipenchuk
- Polina Pilipenchuk
- Roman Malkhasyan
- Galina Detkina
- Ilya Ifraimov
- Nazar Norov
- Steven Knight
- Gary Edwards
- Katusha Demidova

FUNCTIONS OF THE FOUNDATION AS A PEER GROUP

1. Evaluate evidence of extraordinary ability in dance.
2. Review proposed employment terms for artistic standards and professional appropriateness.
3. Issue consultation letters for qualifying O-1/O-2 applicants.

4. Maintain transparent and consistent review standards.
5. Preserve the integrity and advancement of the ballroom dance profession.

ADOPTION

This charter is adopted by the Board of the Garry Gekhman Foundation and becomes effective as of the date below.

Garry Gekhman
Founder & Executive Director
Garry Gekhman Foundation

Date: _____