RISING WITH MELODIES INC.

Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Pre-Filed — Samuel Serban

Filed pursuant to Article V of the Conflict of Interest Policy and IRS Form 1023 requirements.
This statement is Exhibit A to the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors.

I, the undersigned, hereby affirm that I have received, read, and understand the Conflict of Interest Policy of Rising with Melodies Inc. (the "Policy"), and I agree to comply with it in all respects. I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information disclosed below is true, accurate, and complete as of the date of my signature.

Name: **Samuel Serban** **Title / Role:** **Director & Secretary; Music Educator**

Address (for records): Trujillo, La Libertad Region, Peru

Please check all that apply:

Disclosure Item	Yes	No	If Yes, describe below
I have an ownership or investment interest in any entity that has a current or proposed transaction with the Corporation.	☐	☑	
I have a compensation arrangement with the Corporation, or with any entity or individual that also has a transaction or arrangement with the Corporation.	☑	☐	I receive a stipend from the Corporation for music instruction services rendered in Trujillo, Peru. See full description below.
A member of my immediate family has a financial interest in any entity that has a current or proposed transaction with the Corporation.	☐	☑	
I serve as a director, officer, employee, or consultant of any outside organization that competes with or has a business relationship with the Corporation.	☐	☑	
I have received, or expect to receive, any gift, loan, gratuity, or other benefit from any person or entity that does business	☐	☑	

with the Corporation (other than the stipend described below).			

Description of "Yes" Answer — Compensation Arrangement:

Nature of the Dual Role and Compensation Arrangement

I, Samuel Serban, serve in the following two distinct capacities with respect to Rising with Melodies Inc.:

1. Director and Secretary (Governance Role). I serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors of Rising with Melodies Inc. and hold the office of Secretary. In this capacity, I am responsible for attending all Board meetings, recording minutes of proceedings, giving notice of meetings, and maintaining official corporate records. I receive no compensation, stipend, salary, or any other remuneration for my service as a Director or Secretary.

2. Music Educator (Service/Program Role). I provide structured piano and music theory instruction to children and youth at the program site in Trujillo, La Libertad Region, Peru, on behalf of the Corporation's primary educational program. I receive a monthly stipend from the Corporation for these instructional services of **$110.00 USD per month** for 12 hours of instruction per month (144 hours/year), consistent with local educator compensation rates in Trujillo, Peru (approximately $9.17/hour). This stipend is paid solely in consideration of educational services rendered and is entirely separate from my role as a Director or Secretary.

Basis for Reasonableness. The stipend was established by the Board of Directors as a reasonable, arm's-length rate based on:

(a) Prevailing rates for private music instructors in the Trujillo metropolitan area;
(b) The scope of instruction (12 hours per month, 144 hours per year);
(c) The specialized nature of the instruction (classical piano and music theory); and
(d) The limited financial resources of the Corporation during its startup phase.

No Private Benefit or Inurement. The stipend paid for educational services is not in excess of reasonable compensation for the services rendered and does not constitute private benefit or inurement under IRC § 501(c)(3).

Recusal Commitment. Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Conflict of Interest Policy, I, Samuel Serban, agree and commit that I will RECUSE myself from any Board discussion, deliberation, or vote concerning: (a) my own compensation, stipend, contract, or terms of service as an educator; (b) any amendment, renewal, or termination of any agreement between the Corporation and me in my capacity as

educator; or (c) any other matter in which the Board determines that my personal financial interest creates, or appears to create, a conflict of interest. I will disclose the potential conflict, excuse myself from the meeting room during such deliberations, and take no part in the vote. Because I also serve as Secretary, I further acknowledge that I will NOT record the minutes for any agenda item in which I have a declared conflict; for such items, the President (Linder Lopez) will record or cause the minutes to be recorded, and I will resume Secretary duties once the conflicted item is concluded.

Additional Disclosures or Remarks (if any; attach additional pages if necessary):

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By signing below, I certify that the above information is accurate and complete, and I agree to promptly update this disclosure if any circumstances change during the year.

Samuel Serban

Signature of Samuel Serban

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Date: June 21, 2026

Acknowledgment and Acceptance by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Rising with Melodies Inc. hereby acknowledges receipt of the foregoing Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Samuel Serban, confirms that the Board has reviewed the disclosed compensation arrangement, and determines that such arrangement does not constitute an impermissible conflict of interest under the Corporation's Conflict of Interest Policy, applicable Georgia law, or IRS requirements under IRC § 501(c)(3), provided that Mr. Serban recuses himself from all votes related to his own compensation as set forth above.

This determination was made and accepted by the remaining disinterested Directors at the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Linder Lopez

Linder Lopez, President & Director

Natalia Dolhova

Natalia Dolhova, Treasurer & Director

Date: June 21, 2026