

Below you will find what has become a very standard Release and Waiver of Liability form. We are asking all attendees to sign the waiver to protect the VdGSA, its leadership, its membership, and the financial assets you have entrusted to us so that the Society can continue to serve you and others in the future. If you have questions about this document, please bring them to Policy and Compliance Advisor Ann Barclay Rovner or President John Moran. We hope you will read this thoroughly and carefully before you sign.

Attendee Release and Waiver of Liability Form

Waiver and Release: I, an attendee at a Viola da Gamba Society of America (VdGSA) event, forever discharge, waive, and hold harmless the VdGSA and its assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands which arise or may arise from my attendance at a VdGSA event. I understand and acknowledge that this release and waiver of liability discharge the VdGSA from any liability or claim that I may have against it for bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage occurring while I am attending an event or traveling to and from the event.

Assumption of risk: While attending a VdGSA event, I am aware there is a risk that I may experience serious personal injury or illness, economic loss, or property damage as a result of my participation in these events, including but not limited to defects in facilities, equipment, food, adverse weather, or accidents while attending the event or while traveling to and from the event. In exchange for the privilege of attending such an event, I assume all such risks.

Infectious disease: The following applies generally to any infectious disease, including Covid-19. I acknowledge the highly contagious nature of many infectious diseases (including Covid-19) and voluntarily assume the risk of exposure or infection from attending any VdGSA event. I further acknowledge that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by an infectious disease at a VdGSA event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others who may attend the event or of others with whom they may have had contact. I agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the VdGSA, its employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, or other attendees. In addition, I agree to comply with all infectious-control procedures that the VdGSA and/or event facility implement. All of the above provisions apply with equal force to any infectious disease.

Medical Treatment: In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize the VdGSA to provide emergency first aid and medical care. I hereby release and forever discharge, waive, and hold harmless the VdGSA from any claim that arises or may arise from any

emergency first-aid or other medical treatment while experiencing a medical emergency as an attendee at a VdGSA event.

Force majeure: I hereby release and forever discharge, waive, and hold harmless the VdGSA from any claim that arises or may arise from a force majeure, i.e., a natural and unavoidable catastrophe that interrupts the expected course of events. These may include but are not limited to acts of God or governmental authorities, natural disasters, fires, disease, civil disorder, or any other unforeseeable event.

Insurance: I understand that the VdGSA does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide me with financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability benefits or insurance. I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability if I am injured or incur medical expenses, beyond that which the VdGSA freely offers.

By signing below, I express my intent to enter into this release and waiver of liability willingly and voluntarily.

Signature _____
Participant (or parent or guardian if participant is under 18)

Date _____

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