



Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show
"Hold History in Your Hands"

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Bruce MacDermott
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Dear Bruce,

On behalf of Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show, I am writing to request inclusion as a Special Interest Group (SIG) under the umbrella of the International Costumer's Guild (ICG) Group Exemption Letter (GEL). As a SIG of the ICG, Miss Lizzy's submits to the general supervision and control of its activities deemed representative of the ICG. We accept the Uniform Governing Instrument (UGI) of the ICG. Miss Lizzy's is not a private organization or foundation, but an education organization making it eligible for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. Our fiscal year will be January 1st through December 31st. Miss Lizzy's has been organizing for the past year and is now recognized as a Special Interest Group through a recent vote of the ICG Board of Directors on June 9, 2014 in favor of its application. We are willing to be exempt starting from the date of application.

Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show was organized to serve as a common ground for costumers specifically interested in Victorian and Edwardian culture and dress. We see our mission as one of educational outreach to extend our knowledge of Victorian and Edwardian culture and dress, founded on collecting, preserving, studying, and repairing extant garments, photographs, artifacts of daily life, style periodicals, and ephemera of that time period, from approximately 1830 to 1930, and to enable our members, friends, and interested visitors to "hold history in their hands"; that is, to actually touch and experience these objects and really make the Victorian era come to life.

In doing so, we examine authentic garments inside and out, closely study actual photographs of the period, to be able to explain and reproduce the styles and techniques utilized in that time of history, as well as to understand better the larger historical currents, such as the Industrial Revolution, aniline dyes and their greater history, and industrial processes related to fabric manufacture. By photographing, sorting, inventorying, and scanning our finds, we envision a large searchable database available to ICG members.

Miss Lizzy's has offered presentations at various SF cons and Costume Cons, County Fairs and other gatherings, and intends to continue with exhibits and displays of its holdings whenever possible. Miss Lizzy's Facebook page offers vintage photos almost daily, as well as information about historical exhibits and shows.

As a SIG, our currently listed members (as per our application letter) are already ICG members. At this time, there are no annual dues. Our main source of receipts are cash, donations of equipment and of antique clothing and miscellaneous items such as buttons and accessories, historical magazines, and other reference materials. Expenditures are for equipment and supplies that serve the purposes of the SIG, such as printer paper, business cards, and button giveaways for conventions.

This letter, and its attachments (1. Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show Bylaws, and 2. Affirmation including EIN for tax-Exempt Organization) are to be viewed as the official notice that Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show agrees to be included in the Group Exemption Letter from the IRS.

Miss Lizzy's physical location and financial office is located at the address of its President, Lisa Ashton as follows:

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Miss Lizzy's operates under the EIN 47-1438306.

Yours Sincerely,

Lisa Ashton
President, Miss Lizzy's Traveling Historical Fashion Show