## ACQUISTION GUIDELINES PERCY GRAINGER SOCIETY

- 1. The item(s) must be consistent with and relevant to the stated purpose, scope, and activities of the Percy Grainger Society (PGS).
- 2. Primary consideration will be given to PGS's ability to provide proper care and storage for any object. Item(s) which exceed the Society's ability to care for them will only be considered for acquisition with an endowment sufficient to provide care. Donations that include financial support for long-term storage and preservation are encouraged.
- 3. Items must have clear title and be free of copyright restrictions.
- 4. Donors must provide verifiable record of authenticity and provenance for all proposed donations. PGS will make every effort to ascertain that items offered are not stolen, wrongfully converted, or acquired under false pretenses. PGS is bound by international antiquities laws. Foreign antiquities must have documentation indicating that they were exported from their country of origin prior to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. The provenance of acquired items shall be a matter of public record.
- 5. If PGS discovers that it has acquired item (s) in violation of the above statement, PGS shall seek to return the item(s) to the legal owner or shall seek to determine the proper means of disposition through recognized authorities.
- 6. A 30-day examination period may be requested for any proposed acquisition.
- 7. All acquisitions are to be outright and unconditional. PGS cannot guarantee that objects donated will be placed on exhibition, or that they will be exhibited or stored intact as a single collection. In addition, please be aware that curatorial decisions made during cataloging of new collections may result in objects being deemed more appropriate for use in our education department or to be offered for sale to benefit the PGS.
- 8. All donations to the PGS's collections are irrevocable upon the formal and physical transfer to PGS.
- 9. All legal instruments of conveyance and warranty of title, signed by the donor/seller/agent setting forth an adequate description of the items involved and the precise conditions of the transfer shall accompany all acquisitions.
- 10. All acquisitions by gift or bequest to PGS will remain in the possession of PGS for as long as they retain their physical integrity and authenticity, and as long as they remain useful for the purposes of PGS.
- 11. Federal law prevents PGS from providing identification services or appraisal values for donated items. Donors are responsible for appraisals of value.

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Donations are fully tax deductible within IRS guidelines. Please consult your tax advisor.

## **Questions?**

Please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@percygrainger.org">info@percygrainger.org</a>

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