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Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: GULF COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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& Certificate |

FROM: Diane Rondina
Name (Printed or typed)

317 East Gulf Drive
Address

Sanibel, Florida 33957
City, State & Zip

941-472-6197
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

D. BROWN JUN - 3 1996

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a non-profit corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be the GULF COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business in this state of said corporation is to be located in the City of Fort Myers, Lee County. The principal rehearsal and performance space shall be the Alvin A. Dubin Cultural Center, 16225 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33908. The mailing address of this corporation shall be PO Box 1759, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

ARTICLE III

Said corporation is organized as a non-professional community orchestra operating exclusively for musical and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code. Said corporation provides an outlet for musicians of all ages to participate in the orchestral experience, and further encourages the growth of the arts in Southwest Florida by presenting several concerts each year.

ARTICLE IV

The method of appointment to the board of directors shall be fully stated in the bylaws of said corporation.

ARTICLE V

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, and are consistent with those provisions of a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE VI

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

Diane Rondina
Executive Director, Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
317 East Gulf Drive
Sanibel, Florida 33957

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ARTICLE VII

The names and street addresses of the initial incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

Brad Congress
6300 South Pointe Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Russell Reinhard
2203 Southeast 11th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33990

Mary Marino
27600 Hacienda Boulevard #306D
Bonita Springs, Florida 33923

Mort Rothenberg
1220 Ferry Road
Sanibel, Florida 33957

Paul Nadler
674 Astarius Circle
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Nell Schaenen
1049 Blue Heron Drive
Sanibel, Florida 33957

ARTICLE VIII

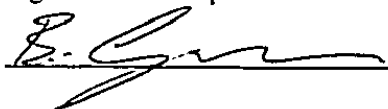
No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IX

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed in one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of May, 1996.

Signature of Incorporator:



Brad Congress

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE
UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE
REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

GULF COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.

(must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

DIANE RONDINA

(NAME)

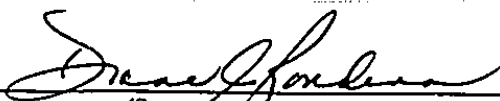
317 EAST GULF DRIVE

(P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

SANIBEL, FLORIDA 33957

(CITY/STATE/ZIP)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



(SIGNATURE)

5-24-96

(DATE)