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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed, two (2) copies of Elandjah Institute of African Dance, Inc.'s Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the filing fees. Please forward our certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the address above. Thanks.

Sincerely,


Janine A. Knight, President

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SUBJECT: ELANDJAH INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN DANCE, INC.
Ref. Number: W00000014360

We have received your document for ELANDJAH INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN DANCE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6933.

Teresa Brown
Corporate Specialist

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ELANDJAH INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN DANCE, INC.

A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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Article 1. Name. The name of the Corporation is:

Elandjah Institute of African Dance, Inc.

Article 2. Duration. The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article 3. Purpose. The purpose of the Corporation is as follows:

- A. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purpose of this corporation seeks to enhance the quality of life for the Greater Miami – Fort Lauderdale Community through providing a comprehensive community dance program that pursues cultural preservation and a positive self awareness. The Corporation is organized as a not-for-profit, community-based organization providing exclusive cultural education services: including support services, cultural research, and community outreach activities.
- B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
- C. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under section 501(c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

Article 4. Members. The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

Janine A. Knight - PO Box 612076
North Miami, FL 33261-2076

Carlton R. Branker - 7280 NW 20th Court
Sunrise, FL 33313

Marguerita Gayle - 6124 SW 33rd Street
Marimar, FL 33023

Anita McBeth - 9431 Belaire Drive
Marimar, FL 33025

Article 5. Initial Registered Agent and Office. The initial registered agent is Janine A. Knight and the initial registered office is 1140 NE 127th Street, Ste. 300-B, Miami, Florida. Registered Office and Principal Office will be the same.

Article 6. Initial Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall have four (4) members whose names and addresses are: (The Board of Directors will be elected as stated in the Bylaws)

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The number of directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the Bylaws but shall in no case be less than three.

Article 7. Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Janine A. Knight	PO Box 612076, N. Miami, FL 33261-2076
Secretary	Janine A. Knight	PO Box 612076, N. Miami, FL 33261-2076
Treasurer	Janine A. Knight	PO Box 612076, N. Miami, FL 33261-2076

Article 8. Incorporators. The names and address of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Janine A. Knight	PO Box 612076, N. Miami, FL 33261-2076
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Article 9. Nonstock Basis. The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided by the bylaws.

Article 10. Liabilities for Debts. Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

Article 11. Amendment. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Directors and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

Article 12. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for 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 tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation

on this 18th day of May, 2000.

Janine Knight
(Signature of Incorporator)

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DADE)

Before me personally appeared Janine A. Knight, to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 18th day of May, 2000.

Carole
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission expires:
(SEAL)



Carole Stewart-Heron
Commission # GC 870393
Expires Sep. 30, 2003
Bonded Thru
Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc

I accept designation as registered agent:

Janine Knight

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