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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PLAYHOUSE BY THE BEACH, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. Name. The name of the corporation is as follows: The Playhouse By The Beach, Inc.

ARTICLE 2. <u>Address</u>. The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is: 408 S. Daytona Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136.

ARTICLE 3. <u>Initial Registered Office and Agent</u>. The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 408 S Daytona Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is: Kristin Moffitt.

ARTICLE 4. <u>Membership</u>. The conditions and regulations of membership and the rights and other privileges of the classes of membership shall be determined and fixed by the bylaws. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

ARTICLE 5. Not For Profit. The corporation is a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 USCA § 501(c)(3) (referred to below as "code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 USCA § 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE 6. <u>Duration</u>. The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 7. <u>Purposes</u>. The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including but not limited to encouraging and promoting opportunities for cultural enrichment through performing and visual arts entertainment and arts education in the Flagler County communities.

ARTICLE 8. <u>Powers</u>. Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

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- A. To provide community with theatrical experience, educational opportunities and performance venues; to train visual and performing artists; to provide programs of instruction in music, theatre and dance; offer annual seasons of plays and concerts; produce new works by local composers and playwrights; encourage artists in their craft and create and create opportunities that showcase their talents.
- B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ,

sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

- C. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- D. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.
- ARTICLE 9. <u>Limitation</u>. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers, but 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 7 (Purposes) of these Articles.
- ARTICLE 10. <u>Tax Exempt Status</u>. It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation an organization described in 26 USCA § 501(c)(3) and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 USCA 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 USCA § 501(c)(3). All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.
- ARTICLE 11. <u>Dissolution</u>. On the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the

liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 USCA § 170(c)(1) or 26 USCA § 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 USCA § 509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

ARTICLE 12. <u>Board of Directors</u>. There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner and at the times set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

ARTICLE 13. <u>Officers</u>. The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time and in such a manner as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

ARTICLE 14. <u>Incorporators</u>. The name and street address of each incorporator is as follows: Kristin Moffitt, 408 S. Daytona Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL 32136.

ARTICLE 15. <u>Bylaws</u>. The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

ARTICLE 16. <u>Amendment</u>. The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment to them.

ARTICLE 17. <u>Indemnification and Civil Liability Immunity</u>. The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation this date: November 6, 2000.

Kristin Moffitt, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA ) ss.
COUNTY OF FLAGLER )

On this 6th day of November, 2000 before me a Notary Public, personally appeared Kristin Moffitt. known to be or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same. If this person's name is subscribed in a representative capacity, it is for the principal named and in the capacity indicated.



Susan Kates, Notary Public – Florida My Commission expires: 3/26/2001

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

November 6, 2000

Kristin Moffitt, Registered Agent

November 6, 2000

Kristin Moffitt, Incorporator

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