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To Whom It May Concern:



Please find enclosed, two (2) copies of Roots & Culture Dance Ensemble, 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,

*Angela Pitterson*  
Angela Pitterson, President

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ROOTS & CULTURE DANCE ENSEMBLE, INC.  
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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

**Roots & Culture Dance Ensemble, 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 works to dismantle barriers of culture and language that often separate people. To produce and present quality educational and cultural performances that build bridges between the Caribbean and American cultures, as well as preserve the Caribbean culture and dance styles. The Corporation is organized as a not-for-profit organization, providing exclusive community related services: including support services, cultural research, and community outreach activities, thereby strengthening individuals, families, and communities.
- 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:

Keachia Bowers - 8310 Sherman Circle North #K102  
Miramar, FL 33025

Karleen Rhoden - 2334 SW 82<sup>nd</sup> Terrace  
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Melissa Davenport - 500 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street #428  
Dania, FL 33004

Karen Hall - 1396 NE 110<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Miami, FL 33161

Article 5. Initial Registered Agent and Office. The initial registered agent is Angela Pitterson and the initial registered office is 6833 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Drive, Miramar, FL, 33023. 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)

Angela Pitterson - 6833 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Miramar, FL 33023

Vivien Saunders - 3390 Foxcroft Road #C316  
Miramar, FL 33025

Marguerita Gayle - 6833 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Miramar, FL 33023

Maxine Scavella - 3390 Foxcroft Road #C316  
Miramar, FL 33025

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, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. 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	Angela Pitterson	6833 SW 39 <sup>th</sup> Drive, Miramar, FL 33023
V. President	Vivien Saunders	3390 Foxcroft Road #C316, Miramar, FL 33025
Treasurer	Maxine Scavella	3390 Foxcroft Road #C316, Miramar, FL 33025
Secretary	Marguerita Gayle	6833 SW 39 <sup>th</sup> Drive, Miramar, FL 33023

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

Angela Pitterson	6833 SW 39 <sup>th</sup> Drive, Miramar, FL 33023
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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 29th day of March, 2002.

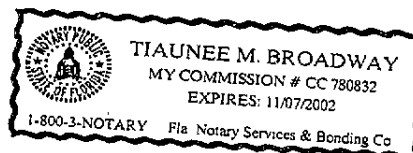
Angela Pitterson  
(Signature of Incorporator)

STATE OF FLORIDA                     )  
COUNTY OF BROWARD                )

Before me personally appeared Angela Pitterson, 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 29th day of March, 2002.

Tiaunee M. Broadway  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My Commission expires:  
(SEAL)



I accept designation as registered agent:

Angela Pitterson