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KAREN E. BLACK-BARRON, Esquire Licensed In Florida

February 24, 2003

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box #6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Articles of Incorporation of The Voices of South Florida African American Sacred Music and Arts Foundation, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed the original Articles of Incorporation and two copies for the corporation entitled The Voices of South Florida African American Sacred Music and Arts Foundation, Inc. Also, please find enclosed a money order in the amount of \$131.25 made payable to the Department of State, for the filing fee, certified copy, and the certificate.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (954) 792-2010. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Black-Barron, Esq.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE VOICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA AFRICAN AMERICAN SACRED MUSIC AND ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statues. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be THE VOICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA AFRICAN AMERICAN SACRED MUSIC AND ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office for transaction of the business of the corporation shall be located in the County of Broward, State of Florida. The initial business address of the corporation shall be 7611 TAMARAC ISLAND CIRCLE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33321

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general nature and purpose of this corporation shall be to bring together singers, musicians, and gospel talent from South Florida and preserve all the African American Sacred Music art forms.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this corporation are as follows:

- 1. To bring together singers, musicians and gospel talent from throughout South Florida;
- 2. To present excellence in music ministry;
- 3. To preserve the all African American Sacred music art forms;
- 4. To provide local talent a forum and platform to further develop and display their gifts to God's glory;

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- 5. To provide a vehicle by which members can be exposed to training and development of their gifts through participation in the Gospel Music Workshop of America An the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses;
- 6. To aid in combating juvenile delinquency by establishing a presence in gospel music on a national level.
- 7. To be ambassadors for the South Florida community by establishing a presence in gospel music on a national level.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **POWERS**

Notwithstanding any of the powers given to this Corporation by By-laws, these Articles, or by the State of Florida, the following limitations of powers and purposes shall apply and be paramount:

- (a.) The Corporation is organized and shall be organized for benefit of individuals interested in preserving African American Sacred Music Art Forms; and
- (b.) The corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, offices, or to any private individual; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make reimbursement for expenditures and pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and such payment shall not be deemed a distribution of net earnings under the paragraph.

#### ARTICLE VI

**TERM** 

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VII

**MEMBERSHIP** 

The membership shall consist of anyone willing to sing and support the objectives and goals of this organization. The membership dues are \$ 240.00 annually. Membership and expelling thereof shall be upon the terms and conditions as shall be provided for in the By-laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

**INCORPORATOR** 

The incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation and his residence is as follows:

Eddie Anthony Robinson - President 7611 Tamarac Island Circle Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33321 The Voices of South Florida African American Sacred Music And Arts Foundation, Inc., pg.3

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business affa	irs of this Corporat	tion shall be managed by a Bo	ard of Directors. The
Corporation shall have _	twelve	(12) directors initially.	The Corporation shall
be comprised of at least	twelve (12), but	never more than fifteen (15	) Directors elected by a
majority vote of the men	nbers at their Annua	al meeting or at any special m	eeting held for that
purpose. The Board of l	Directors shall hold	meetings at least once a mon	nth.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **OFFICERS**

- (a.) The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President.
- (b.) All officers and agents as between themselves and this corporation shall have such authority and perform such duties in the management of this corporation as prescribed in the By-laws.
  - (c.) Failure to elect officers shall not affect the existence of this corporation.
- (d.) The present officers of the corporation who will serve under the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Eddia	Anthony	Robinson	President
P.O. Het	ADDITION	RCOSSITISTED	Precinent

#### ARTICLE XI

#### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The initial registered agent is KAREN E. BLACK-BARRON, ESQ., and the initial registered office address is 5440 North State Road 7, Suite 220, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33319.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### **AMENDMENTS**

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended with the approval of the President by the Board of Directors with a required two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, after the secretary has notified all members at least ten days before the meeting.

Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership as provided for in these Articles and the By-laws by a majority vote of the quorum present.

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#### ARTICLE XIII

#### DISSOLUTION

This Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of the President by the Board of Directors with a required two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, after the secretary has notified all membership in writing at least ten (10) days before the meeting. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in section 501 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purposes. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation or any other private individual.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### DATE OF INCORPORATION

The effective date of this corporation shall be February 21, 2003, pursuant to section 617.0203, Florida Statutes.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersign	gned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this
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Eddy A Harrison	Eddre A. Robinson
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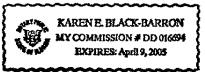
STATE OF FLORIDA	)
COUNTY OF BROWARD	)

Before me personally appeared <u>Eddie Anthony Robinson</u>, to me well known and known to me to be the person described therein and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 200d day of February, 2003.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:



I, Karen E. Black-Barron, Esq., accept the designation as registered agent and agree to comply with the provisions of said articles and applicable law.

KARENE. BLACK-BARRON, ESQ.

Registered Agent