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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NEXT STEP DANCE, INC.

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ALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a not-for-profit, non-stock, perpetually existing corporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0202 of the Florida Statutes.

### <u>ARTICLE I – NAME</u>

The name of this corporation is Next Step Dance, Inc., (the "Corporation").

### **ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this Corporation is 813 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Place, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33305.

### ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation is exclusively to promote interest in and appreciation of contemporary dance through the development and presentation of contemporary dance works and to take on such other business related to the development, presentation and support of the art of dance as permitted by law. This is a not-for-profit corporation, organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act as set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

- A. 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 any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- C. No part of the income or principal of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director or officer of the Corporation or any other private individual, in such a 5087436-1

fashion as to constitute an application of funds not within the purpose of exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. However, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered

### ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF ELECTION

The Directors shall be appointed as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V – INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The Corporation shall have three directors or such other number as may be determined by the Board of Directors pursuant to the bylaws and consistent with the requirements of applicable law.

### ARTICLE VI – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

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

Elana Lanczi Camargo, 813 NE 16th Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305.

### ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is Anitra D. Lanczi, Shutts & Bowen LLP, 200 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 2000, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 33301.

### DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the State of Florida for a public purpose. To the extent possible, any such distributions shall be for the purpose of serving the dance community in the State of Florida. 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.

Name: Anitra D. Lanczi

Incorporator

### ACCEPTANCE OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named registered agent for the above-stated corporation, at the designated registered office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to keeping open said office. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the undersigned's duties and the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the undersigned's position as registered agent.

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF Juniary, 2004.

Name: Elana Lanczi Carnargo

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