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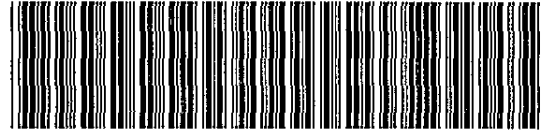
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** The Phyllis Merritt Singers, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and two(2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Gary B. Christenot  
Name (Printed or typed)

907 Cloverdale Court  
Address

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
City, State & Zip

850 830-1776  
Daytime Telephone number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be "The Phyllis Merritt Singers, Inc."

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

The Phyllis Merritt Singers, Inc.  
5610 Vestavia Avenue  
Pensacola, FL 32526

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

This corporation's primary purpose is the advancement and encouragement of performing excellence in the choral arts, and raising public awareness of the life long value of a quality music education as part of a comprehensive education experience. These purposes shall include:

Presentation of high quality public performances of a variety of choral music spanning the choral arts tradition;

Performance and participation in choral workshops, conventions, and other similar venues attended by and for the benefit of the choral practitioner;

Educating the public about the life long, positive benefits of a quality music education in the development of well rounded, contributing members of society;

Encouraging the public to view the inclusion of a high quality musical arts experience as an essential element of a comprehensive education;

Solicitation of public and private funds to support the performing and operating expenses of the corporation, including but not limited to payment of administrative expenses; purchase of music, supplies, equipment, uniforms, and other materials necessary to the accomplishment of the corporation's purposes; and payment of transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred during the course of travel to and from events conducted in pursuit of the corporation's qualifying purposes.

Annette Joyner, Organizing Director  
1200 Shoreline Drive, #417  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32516

Douglas Lee, Organizing Director  
2027 Copley Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32503

Disa Lee, Organizing Director  
2027 Copley Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32503

Sam Waite, Organizing Director  
1424 Templemoore Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32533

**ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and address of the registered agent is:

Mary Edge  
5610 Vestavia Lane  
Pensacola, FL 32526

**ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Gary B. Christenot  
907 Cloverdale Court  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

**ARTICLE VIII - ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES**

The corporation is authorized to engage in all the allowable activities of a not for profit corporation incorporated in the state of Florida and will conduct all such activities in accordance with Florida Statute 617.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that 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 III.