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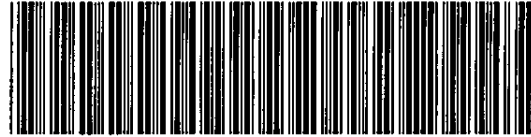
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Florida West Arts, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Patrick J. Distasio  
Name (Printed or typed)

10009 Villagio Gardens Lane #205  
Address

Estero, FL 33928  
City, State & Zip

239-948-2445  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:  
FLORIDA WEST ARTS, INC.

### **ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:  
10009 Villagio Gardens Lane  
#207  
Estero, FL 33928

The mailing address of the corporation is:  
10009 Villagio Gardens Lane  
#207  
Estero, FL 33928

### **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:  
cultural, artistic and educational purposes. The corporation shall found and maintain a membership organization to support the arts and the professions of the visual and performing arts; and shall create and present a schedule of art exhibitions, concerts, other performances and other arts and educational programs and events.

- (a) Said organization is organized exclusively for artistic and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (b) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding of any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt

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from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- (c) Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section (501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The initial directors shall pass By-laws that will include a process that will include a nominating committee to consider and present a slate of prospective directors and that will include an election that will be held by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The initial directors and officers are:

Title: P/D

Patrick J. Distasio

10009 Villagio Gardens Lane

#205

Estero, FL 33928

Title: V/D

Sandy Morse

20966 County Barn Drive

Estero, FL 33928

Title: S//D

Huguette Nelson

5084 Napoli Drive

Naples, FL 34103

Title: D

Lisa M. Distasio

1362 Cottonwood Circle

Weston, FL 33326

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

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Patrick J. Distasio  
10009 Villagio Gardens Lane  
#205  
Estero, FL 33928

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Patrick J. Distasio  
10009 Villagio Gardens Lane  
#205  
Estero, FL 33928

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*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.*

Patrick J. Distasio  
Signature/Registered Agent Patrick J. Distasio

May 5, 2007  
Date

Patrick J. Distasio  
Signature/Incorporator Patrick J. Distasio

May 5, 2007  
Date