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February 13, 2008

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: The Merely Players Company

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced <u>not for profit</u> corporation. Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 which represents your filing fee for the Articles of Incorporation, Designation of the Acceptance by Registered Agent and certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Scott A. Gerken

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xc: Amanda Warren

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

THE MERELY PLAYERS COMPANY



ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is THE MERELY PLAYERS COMPANY.

ARTICLE II - CORPORATE ADDRESS

The street and mailing address of the corporation shall be 1225 East $1^{\rm st}$ Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757.

ARTICLE III - CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV - DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to produce quality entertainment to promote community appreciation of the theater and to operate exclusively in any other manner for such charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distribution of organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, including

private foundations and private operating foundations. The corporation shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provision of subsequent tax laws.

ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be no less than three (3) and no more than eleven (11); provided, however, that the specific number shall be provided in the Bylaws, duly adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors. The method of election of the Board of Directors shall also be provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - EARNINGS & ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Directors, 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 V hereof.
- (b) 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such or to such organization or organizations organized and manner, operated exclusively for charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have no capital stock, and shall be composed of Members rather than shareholders. The membership of the corporation shall consist of the individuals serving as members of the Board of Directors, and their successors in office.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Amanda Warren

1225 East 1st Avenue Mount Dora, Florida 32757.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this

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corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE XIII - REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

NAME

ADDRESS

Amanda Warren

1225 East 1st Avenue Mount Dora, Florida 32757.

ARTICLE XIV - INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

I, the undersigned, being the subscriber and incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this

Amanda Warren

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LAKE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared AMANDA WARREN, who produced identification and who did take an oath and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and she acknowledged to and before me that she executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of February, 2008.

Tanya R. Farmer
Commission # DD445244
Expires August 25, 2009
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My Commission Expires: Commission No.: NOTARY PUBLIC

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said act relating to keeping open said office.

Amanda Warren, Registered Agent

Date