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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CHERISH THE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.**

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: **CHERISH THE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

The place in this state where the principle office of the Corporation is to be located is:  
306 West Brevard Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

This location is also the location of the Registered Agent.

**ARTICLE III**

- A. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the United States Internal Revenue Law.
- C. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within meaning of Section 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State, or local government for a public purpose. 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 organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.
- D. Other purposes for which this corporation is organized are as follows:
  - 1. To establish a perpetual source of help for cultural arts programs; provide musical instruments, art utensils, theatrical props, dance uniforms, assist with raising funds; provide a source for artistic development and awareness.

2. To coordinate our efforts with other nonprofit organizations in providing enriching initiatives that will generate funds for cultural arts programs; provide financial assistance to young artists who aspire to attend college; and preserve cultural history.
3. To provide private lessons to aspiring artists; to expose the talents of aspiring artists to the community at large.
4. To provide workshops that will stimulate artistic development through technical study of the arts.
5. To develop distinct and separate community activities for artists, artistic directors, mentors.
6. To mentor young "at risk" students and to provide cultural enrichment opportunities through the arts to underprivileged youth.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

The name(s) and addresses of the incorporators-subscribers hereto are as follows:

| <b><u>NAME</u></b> | <b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>                        |
|--------------------|--|
| Rashad K. Brown    | 2420 Gothic Drive<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32303   |
| Crystal R. Finlay  | 306 West Brevard St<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32301 |
| Jaqualynn Brown    | 2420 Gothic Drive<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32301   |

## **ARTICLE V**

The officers whose names below shall manage, conduct, and operate business of the corporation. This corporation thereafter will be managed, conducted and operated by the Directors and Officers who shall be elected annually or according to the by-laws of the Corporation. The first board of directors shall be no less than three in number. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are:

| <b><u>NAME</u></b> | <b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>                        | <b><u>TITLE</u></b> |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| Rashad K. Brown    | 2420 Gothic Drive<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32303   | President           |
| Crystal R. Finlay  | 306 West Brevard St<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32301 | Vice President      |
| Jaqualynn Brown    | 2420 Gothic Drive<br>Tallahassee, Fl 32301   | Secretary/Treasurer |

The Board of Directors shall at no time consist of less than three persons.

## **ARTICLE VI**

The by-laws of this Corporation shall be amended or rescinded only by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII**

The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission will be in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or their 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 Three hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation in, or intervene in (including the publishing distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office notwithstanding any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- (A) By a corporation exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code or
- (B) By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 140 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

## **ARTICLE X**

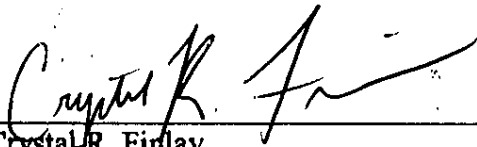
*This Corporation shall have the following powers:*

- 1) Have succession by its corporate name for perpetuity.
- 2) Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- 3) Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same, provided "Non- Profit Corporation" be contained therein.
- 4) Elect such officers and agents as its affairs shall require, and allow them reasonable compensation.
- 5) Adopt, change, amend and repeal By-Laws, consistent with law and these Articles to administer corporate affairs and exercise corporate powers.
- 6) Increase, or decrease by a vote of its members, as set forth in Article V thereof, the number of directors in no event less than three persons.
- 7) Make contracts, incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the directors may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge any or all of its property, franchise or income.

- 8) Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations and have officers and exercise the powers granted by this Article in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States or any foreign country.
- 9) Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, whatsoever situate.
- 10) Acquire, enjoy, utilize, and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks, and any licenses, and other rights of interests therein or hereunder.
- 11) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- 12) Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in with shares and other interest or in obligations of other domestic or foreign corporation, whether for profit or not, associations, and partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect of the United States, or any other government, state, territory, governmental, district, municipality, or any instrumentality thereof.
- 13) Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and to take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- 14) Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, educational or other similar persons.
- 15) Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which this Corporation is organized.
- 16) Merge and consolidate with other corporations, both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation of profit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator(s) of this corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Signatures of Incorporators:

  
Crystal R. Firley

  
Rashad Brown

  
Jaquelyn Brown

ACCEPTED BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept services of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

  
(Registered Agent)

Crystal Firley  
Registered Agents Printed Name

Whose Address is:  
306 West Brevard Street  
Tallahassee, Fl 32301

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**LEON COUNTY**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared

Crystal R. Finlay

Rashad Brown

Jaqualynn Brown

who produced Florida D/L as identification to be the persons who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation and acknowledge before me, according to law, that they made and subscribed the same for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.



Notary Public

