

COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: THE LABORATORY THEATER OF FLORIDA, 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,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: ANNETTE TROSSBACH
Name (Printed or typed)

8720 CHATHAM ST.
Address

FORT MYERS, FL 33907
City, State & Zip

239-~~2~~ 218-0481
Daytime Telephone number

morecrinoline@hotmail.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

Articles of Incorporation

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

I Name:

The name of the Corporation shall be THE LABORATORY THEATER OF FLORIDA,

II Purpose:

This Corporation is formed for the purpose of promoting performance arts and:

- A. Developing long-range goals of educating children and adults in a full spectrum of styles of theater, and providing the services of theatrical professionals to enhance performances and performers' skills;
- B. Revitalizing an appreciation for classical theater including, but not limited to, works produced before 1850;
- C. Promoting all arts and artistic patronage;
- D. Investigating the relationship between performer and audience, as well as the relationship between performances and spaces, to include the pursuit of alternate and unusual performance spaces;
- E. Offering a wide range of types of performance to both paying public and gratis to underprivileged communities, so as to encourage a new generation of theater-goers to support the arts and to provide a valuable venue for artistic expression to the public for their involvement, as performers, audience, sponsors, or supporters;
- F. Soliciting, collecting, requesting, and otherwise raising money, to include the conduct of fundraising campaigns and activities, and to apply for grants for the furtherance of the purposes for which this Corporation is formed, thereby establishing a strong financial base for this organization.

III Membership:

The membership of this Corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as subscribers, officers and directors and such other persons as, from time to time hereafter, may become members, in the manner provided in the bylaws.

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IV Terms of Existence:

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, and the existence shall commence on the date these Articles are filed with the Florida Secretary of State.

V Subscribers:

The names and residences of the persons who are the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name:	Address:
Annette Trossbach, Chairman	8720 Chatham Street, Fort Myers, FL 33907
Louise Wigglesworth, Vice-Chairman	2090 West 1st Street, #606, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Nicole Rizley Ptaszek, Secretary	2730 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916
Hugh Meyer, Treasurer	8470 Kingbird Loop #1026, Fort Myers, FL 33967
Steven Pawlowski, Officer	8720 Chatham Street, Fort Myers, FL 33907
James Michael Dunsworth, Officer	13080 Sandy Key Bend, Unit #1, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
James Griffith, Officer	146 Riverview Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905

VI Officers:

- A. The elective officers of this corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the bylaws.
- B. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or as provided in the bylaws.
- C. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

Name:	Office:
Annette Trossbach	Chairman and Incorporator

Louise Wigglesworth	Vice-Chairman
Nicole Rizley Ptaszek	Secretary
Hugh Meyer	Treasurer

VII Board of Directors:

- A. The business affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who shall be the members of the Corporation. This Corporation shall initially have seven Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the bylaws, but shall never be less than three.
- B. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the bylaws.
- C. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the Corporation, are:

Name:	Address:
Annette Trossbach	8720 Chatham Street, Fort Myers, FL 33907
Louise Wigglesworth	2090 West 1st Street, #606, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Nicole Ptaszek	2730 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916
Hugh Meyer	8470 Kingbird Loop #1026, Fort Myers, FL 33967

VIII Bylaws:

- A. The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.
- B. The bylaws of this Corporation may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, provided that such amendment shall have been submitted in writing thirty (30) days in advance to the Board of Directors. If deemed necessary by the Board, the vote on the proposed Amendment by the general membership (friends of THE LABORATORY THEATER OF FLORIDA) may be conducted by mail ballot.

IX Amendments:

- A. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.
- B. Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the bylaws, of the intention to submit such amendments.

X Location:

The location of this corporation shall initially be 8720 Chatham Street, Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida. The Board of Directors may designate such other and additional addresses for the location of the Corporation as it may see fit.

XI Designation of Resident Agent:

The initial resident agent of the Corporation for the purposes of accepting service of process within this State shall be Annette Trossbach, whose address is 8720 Chatham Street, Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida.

XII Compensation:

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 these Articles of Incorporation.

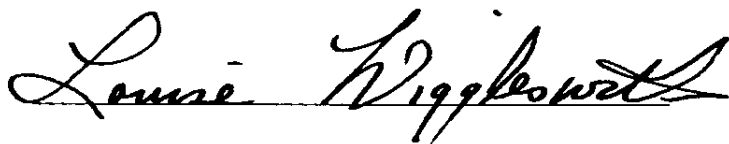
XIII Dissolution:

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, all assets shall be distributed to organizations of similar intent and purpose which have qualified for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, or for a public purpose, provided such assets are designated and used for a similar purpose and intent.

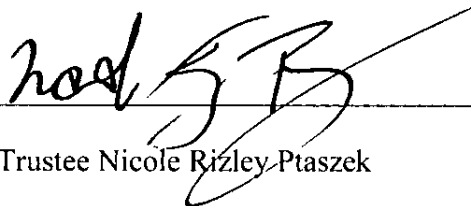
In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 12th day of June, 2009.



Trustee Annette Trossbach



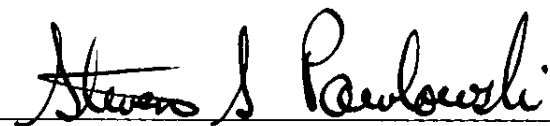
Trustee Louise Wigglesworth



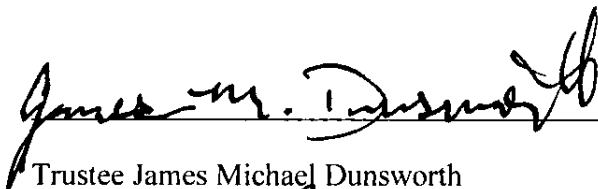
Trustee Nicole Rizley Ptaszek



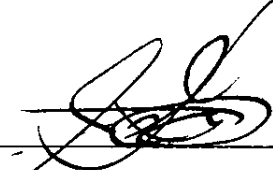
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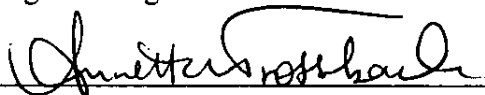
Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Signature/Registered Agent

11/4/09

Date



Signature/Incorporator

11/4/09

Date