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

Re: Not For Profit Corporation

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

- 1. Articles of Corporation for a Not For Profit Corporation
- 2. Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent/Registered Office.
- 3. A check in the amount of \$78.75.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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SUBJECT: INSPIRE THE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

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We have received your document for INSPIRE THE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

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Articles of Incorporation of Inspire the Arts Foundation, Inc., a Florida No. 26 Profit PM 1: 26 Corporation

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation for the corporation:

Article

I.

The name of the corporation is Inspire the Arts Foundation, Inc. Its principal office address is 26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, Florida 33983.

Article

II.

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

Article

III.

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of *the performing arts* and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for those purposes, and particularly for advancement in performing arts education and as an outreach to the community by way of performances.
- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for charity purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Section.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene by publication of any statements in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article

IV.

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collecting dues and assessments shall be as regulated in the bylaws.

Article V.

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 26408 Lancer Lane, City of Punta Gorda, County of Charlotte, State of Florida. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is Kathleen Candales.

Article VI.

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be not less than three; provided, however, that that number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation. The method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The directors named here as the first board of directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held on September 1, 2012, at noon, at 26408 Lancer Lane, City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, State of Florida at which time an election of directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all subsequent times, shall serve for a term of one years until the 2nd annual meeting of members following the election of directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at noon, on the 1st day of September of each year at the principal office of the corporation, or at any other place or places designated by the board of directors by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board. Any action taken by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaw of this corporation authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.

The names and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Residential

Name
Address

Kathleen Candales

Carlos Candales

26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983

26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Jessica Pratt

1051 Prescott Lane, Holiday, FL 34691

Article VII.

The name and address of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>

Address

Kathleen Candales

26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Article VIII.

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: Kathleen Candales and Carlos Candales, and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to elect. Initially, officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of directors. Until that election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers: Kathleen Candales, President and Secretary, 26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983, and Carlos Candales Vice-President and Treasurer, 26408 Lancer Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983.

Article IX.

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Florida Notfor-Profit Corporation Act described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the 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 in the bylaws.

Article X.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member, or to the benefit of any private individual.

Article XI.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not-for-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Article XII.

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. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds votes of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not-for-profit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation on August 16, 2012.

Kathleen Candales

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF F.S. 607.0501, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: Inspire the Arts Foundation, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Kathleen Candales 26408 Lancer Lane Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-named corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Kathleen Candales