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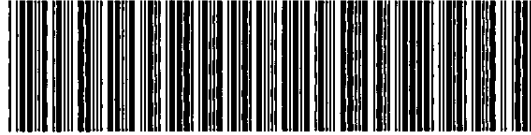
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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**SUBJECT:** Skyway Film Institute, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**FROM:** Tony Stopperan  
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Name (Printed or typed)  
  
345 6th Avenue West  
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Address  
  
Bradenton, FL 34205-8820  
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (Not for Profit), the undersigned incorporator(s) hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

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### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: Skyway Film Institute, Inc.

### ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and the current mailing address of the Corporation is:

345 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

Bradenton, FL 34205-8820

### ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is exclusively charitable and educational, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future tax code. The Corporation may engage in cultural, social, educational, and community events and services which celebrate the art of filmmaking, specifically but not limited to films made for the entire family. For the furtherance of the Corporation's purpose, events and services include but are not limited to hosting an annual film festival and developing year-round programs for the economic, educational, and cultural benefit of our community and to perform such acts to accomplish its purposes as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, with all the power conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida. Through its programs, the Corporation seeks to discover, support, and inspire family friendly filmmakers from Florida, the US and around the world, and to introduce audiences to their work.

### ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

B. Number. The number of Directors shall be determined from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3) Directors, and, in the absence of any such determination, shall be three (3) Directors.

C. Officers. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the following officers: President, Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers that may be prescribed in the Bylaws. Each officer shall be elected by Board of Directors at the annual meeting. The powers, duties and terms of the office of all officers and methods of filling vacancies in office shall be prescribed in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall perform the duties of the office until a successor has been elected.

D. Election: Removal. Directors shall be elected or removed by majority vote of existing Directors in accordance with the procedures in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V: INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

The following Directors shall be the initial directors to hold office until the first annual meeting of members and/or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Name and Title: Tony Stopperan, President

Address: 2721 Hibiscus Street  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Name and Title: Joseph Restaino, Secretary

Address: 2803 W. Averill Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33611

Name and Title: Wey Lin, Treasurer

Address: 345 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205-8820

#### **ARTICLE VI: INDEMNIFICATION**

All officers and directors shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permitted by law against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees reasonably incurred in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved as a party of, otherwise by reason of holding such office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors arising out their status as such.

#### **ARTICLE VII: POWERS**

This corporation shall have and exercise all the powers of not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida, but within the restrictions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which are convenient or necessary to effect the purposes of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: LIMITATION**

No part of the 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 its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the attempt to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervened in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The Corporation shall not carry on any activated not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from Federal Income tax und Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

**ARTICLE IX: MEMBERS**

The sole class of members of this corporation shall be its board of directors. The qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the property voting, and other rights and privileges of members shall be as regulated in the Bylaws.


**ARTICLE X: REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and the Florida street address of the Initial Registered Agent of the Corporation is as follows:

Name: House of John Productions, LLC

Address: 2721 Hibiscus Street  
Sarasota, FL 34239

*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*

  
House of John Productions, LLC, Registered Agent  
By Tony Stopperan, its Manager

10/31/15  
Date

**ARTICLE XI: INCORPORATOR**

The name and the address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Name: Tony Stopperan

Address: 2721 Hibiscus Street  
Sarasota, FL 34239

**ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be adopted or amended by the members of the Board of Directors at any annual meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds voted of the members present, unless otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT to the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The Articles of Incorporation may be adopted or amend by the members of the Board of Directors at any annual meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds voted of the members present.

**ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt from Federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of

competent jurisdiction for purposes which qualify for such exemption by organizations, domestic or foreign engaged in activities similar to those of the dissolving corporation.

***I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.917.155, F.S.***

  
Required Signature of Incorporator

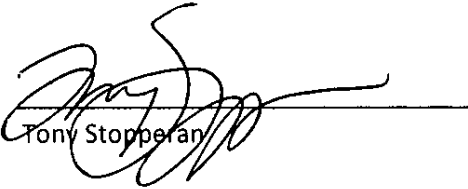
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In Witness thereof the hands and seals of the incorporators this 2 day of Nov., 2015, the undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare under penalty of perjury that statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Name

Address

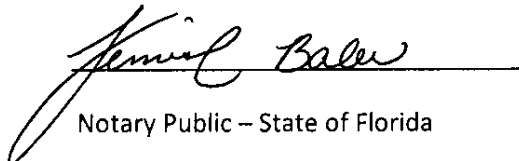
  
Tony Stopperan

2721 Hibiscus Street, Sarasota, FL 34239

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, a notary public duly authorized in the county and state named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared TONY STOPPERAN to me known to be one of the persons described as an Incorporator and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state named this 2 day of November 2015.

  
Notary Public – State of Florida



Name [Printed]: Jennifer Baker

My Commission expires: 7/10/2017

Personally known ✓ or Produced Identification n/a

Type of identification produced n/a