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Department of State  
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**SUBJECT:** Florida Jazz and Blues Festival, 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:** Jon D. Brown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32308  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

(850) 694-1405  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

jond5572@gmail.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**  
**Florida Jazz and Blues Festival, Inc.**

These Articles of Incorporation are made for the purpose of organizing a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statutes. The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby certify the following.

**Article I - Name**

The name of this corporation is Florida Jazz and Blues Festival, Inc. ("Corporation").

**Article II - Business, Mailing, and Street Address**

The Corporation's principal place of business, mailing address, and street address is 2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204, Tallahassee, FL 32308. The city of Tallahassee is in Leon County, Florida.

**Article III - Purpose**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, hosting the Florida Jazz and Blues Festival and the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article IV - Manner of Election**

Directors of the Corporation will be elected or appointed at the annual meeting.

**Article V - Directors**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the Corporation will be:

Jon D. Brown  
2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Letitia T. Brown  
2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Marion M. McGee  
2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

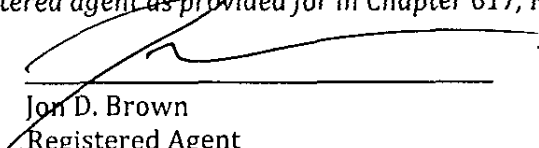
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**Article VI – Registered Agent and Office**

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Jon D. Brown. The Florida street address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is 2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated non-profit corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby 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 as provided for in Chapter 617, F.S..*

  
Jon D. Brown  
Registered Agent

**Article VII – Provisions**

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 Article III hereof. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "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 - Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 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, 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 Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

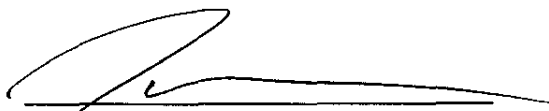
**Article IX - Effective Date**

The existence of the Corporation shall commence on the date of filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State; the effective date being this 18th day of May 2016.

**Article X - Incorporator**

The name of the Incorporator of the Corporation is Jon D. Brown. The Florida street address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is 2623 Centennial Blvd., Suite 204, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The undersigned executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18th day of May 2016. This document is executed in accordance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. 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.817.155, F.S.

  
Jon D. Brown

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