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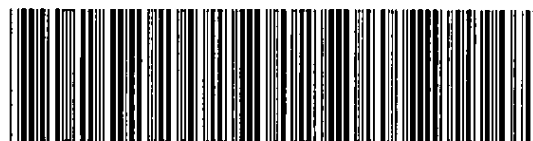
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Division of Corporations

July 8, 2019

MATTHEW SABATELLA
821 N. 70TH WAY
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33024

SUBJECT: BALLAD OF AMERICA, INC.
Ref. Number: W19000062395

We have received your document for BALLAD OF AMERICA, 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 designation of the registered agent must be at a Florida street address.

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

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.

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COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Ballad of America, 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: Matthew Sabatella
Name (Printed or typed)

821 N. 70th Way
Address

Hollywood, FL 33024
City, State & Zip

305.753.1850
Daytime Telephone number

ms@matthewsabatella.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

BALLAD OF AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION – NON-PROFIT

ARTICLE I

NAME

1.01 Name

The legal name of this corporation shall be **Ballad of America, Inc.**

ARTICLE II

DURATION

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

3.01 Purpose

Ballad of America, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, 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.

Ballad of America, Inc.'s mission is to preserve and celebrate music from America's diverse cultural history.

To maximize our effectiveness, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which qualify as non-profit corporations under section 501(c) (3).

ARTICLE IV

NON-PROFIT NATURE / BENEFITS

4.01 Non-profit Nature

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Ballad of America, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Ballad of America, Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

4.03 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 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.

4.03 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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, Section 3.01.

4.04 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

4.05 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by 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.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.01 Governance

Ballad of America, Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors.

5.02 Initial Directors

The initial directors of the corporation shall be: Matthew Sabatella, Elizabeth A. Bieler, and John R. Doyle

5.03. Selection of Board Members

Initial board members were selected by the incorporator.

Ballad of America, Inc. directors may be elected at any Board meeting by the majority vote of the existing Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

6.01 Membership

Ballad of America, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII

ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION

8.01 Corporate Address

The physical address of the corporation is: 821 North 70th Way, Hollywood, FL 33024

The mailing address of the corporation is: 821 North 70th Way, Hollywood, FL 33024

ARTICLE IX

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be: Matthew Sabatella, 821 North 70th Way, Hollywood, FL 33024

ARTICLE X

INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of the corporation is: Matthew Sabatella, 821 North 70th Way, Hollywood, FL 33024

Acknowledgement

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



Matthew Sabatella, Registered Agent

7/16/19

Date

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.817.155, F.S.



Matthew Sabatella, Incorporator

7/16/19

Date