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TO: Amendment Section Division of Corporations

The Michael H. Sheridan and Judy W. Sheridan Center for the Arts Foundation, Inc.  NAME OF CORPORATION:	
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The enclosed Articles of Amendment and fee are submitted for filing.	
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# AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MICHAEL

# H. SHERIDAN AND JUDY W. SHERIDAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOUNDATION

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Notfor-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

## **ARTICLE 1. NAME**

The name of the corporation is as follows: THE MICHAEL H. SHERIDAN AND JUDY W. SHERIDAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

#### **ARTICLE 2. ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is: 535 Woodfern Court, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

#### ARTICLE 3. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 2073 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 154, Tallahassee, FL 32317. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is: Belinda T. France, Esq.

#### **ARTICLE 4. NO MEMBERS**

The corporation will not have members, and accordingly, will not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

## **ARTICLE 5. NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 USCA §501(c)(3).

If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 USCA §501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE 6. DURATION

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE 7. PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including but not limited to promotion, hosting, and developing the performing arts.

#### ARTICLE 8. POWERS

Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

- A. To support the performing arts by providing a performance space for the community.
- B. To provide a performing arts and cultural learning facility for the communities, schools, and higher education of the Big Bend area of Florida.
- C. To provide and promote traditional theater performing arts through laughter, drama, and visual arts.
- D. To encourage the development and performance of traditional theater in the community by providing an amateur and professional performance venue,

workshops, presentations, and any and all other appropriate means.

- E. To provide education, teaching and training to develop and nurture individuals wishing to acquire a background in traditional theater performing arts, including acting, dancing, singing off-stage support and technical support.
- F. To provide a centralized source of information regarding learning resources, instructors, performers, and events related to traditional theater.
- G. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

- H. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.
- I. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation, or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

# **ARTICLE 9. IMMUNITY STATUS**

It is intended that the corporation shall qualify as a cultural or educational institution within the United States under 22 USCA §2459 ("Immunity from seizure under judicial process of cultural objects imported for temporary exhibition or display"). This qualification shall not interfere with the corporation's tax-exempt status.

#### ARTICLE 10. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 USCA §501(a) as an organization described in 26 USCA §501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 USCA §509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 USCA §501(c)(3). All references in these articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

#### **ARTICLE 11. DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 USCA §170(c)(1) or 26 USCA §170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 USCA §509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

#### ARTICLE 12. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner, and at the times, set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

#### **ARTICLE 13. OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time, and in such a manner, as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

## ARTICLE 14. INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator is as follows: Michael H. Sheridan and Judy W. Sheridan, 535 Woodfern Court, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

# **ARTICLE 15. BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENT

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment to them.

# ARTICLE 17. INDEMNIFICATION AND CIVIL LIABILITY IMMUNITY

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are

immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

# ARTICLE 18. COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The date when corporate existence shall commence is upon filing with the Florida Secretary of State.

In, witness, the undersigned incorporators have signed these articles of incorporation on

November 18, 2020.

MICHAEL H. SHERIDAN

UDY W. SHERIDAN

# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to the provisions of §617.0501, Fla. Stat., the undersigned corporation organized under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office and registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida:

1. Name of the corporation:

# THE MICHAEL H. SHERIDAN AND JUDY W. SHERIDAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOUNDATION

2. Name and address of the registered agent and office:

**Belinda T. France, Esq.** 2073 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 154 Tallahassee, FL 32317

I, the undersigned person, having been named as registered agent and appointed to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this statement, 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.

ovember 18, 2020

ELINDA T. FRANCE, ESQ.