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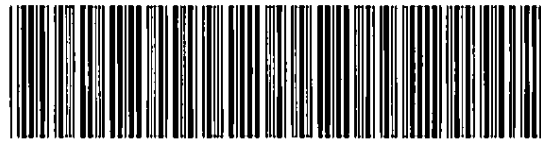
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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Florida Black Art Center, Inc.

SUBJECT: _____
(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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Jon D. Brown

FROM: _____
Name (Printed or typed)

914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32310

City, State & Zip

(850) 694-1405

Daytime Telephone number

admin@BlackArtCenter.com

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

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA BLACK ART CENTER, INC.**

The undersigned, having been authorized as an incorporator in order to form a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME:

The name of this Corporation shall be the Florida Black Art Center, Inc. (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES:

The general nature of the objectives and purposes of this Corporation are to be organized and operated exclusively as a not-for-profit corporation and for charitable purposes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code"). Specifically, this Corporation is organized to recognize, celebrate, serve and support Black art and the community of Black artists on a local, regional, state, national, or international level through awareness, education, promotion, programming, advocacy, and commerce. The Corporation will provide education, disseminate information, create and curate content, program events, host conversations and exhibits, activate awareness, engage in research, collaborate for service offerings, advocate for support, evaluate impact, and fund innovation to explore Black artists (existing, emerging, and aspiring), their art, their stories, their history, and their journey.

ARTICLE III - POWERS:

The Corporation shall have the general power to do all lawful acts, as conferred upon corporation's not-for-profit by Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, including all those things necessary or expedient in the prosecution of the Corporation's purposes, which are necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of the Corporation.

As amended from time to time and subject to the limitations hereafter provided, the Corporation shall have the power to create and control other corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, or organizations deemed advisable to best accomplish the purposes of this Corporation.

Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the powers of the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

- A) The Corporation shall have no power to do any act inconsistent with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code;
- B) No part of the income, profit or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, directly or indirectly, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons; provided however, 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 II of these Articles of Incorporation; and
- C) 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 any candidate for public office.

None of the officers or Directors shall be required to furnish any bond or surety and none of them shall be responsible or liable for the acts of omissions of any other officer or Director or predecessor officer or Director.

The Directors shall have all the powers, except as herein limited, as provided by common law and by the State of Florida and such other states as the Corporation may function in, including the power to adopt Bylaws to govern the conduct of its business.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A) All corporate powers shall be exercised under the authority of, and the affairs of this Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a board of directors that shall be referred to as the "Board of Directors," except as otherwise provided by law, in these Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws of the Corporation. The directors shall be referred to as "Directors."

- B) The Corporation shall have no fewer than three (3), but no more than fifteen (15) Directors initially, in accordance with Section 617.0803(1), Florida Statutes. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time according to the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3).
- C) Initially, the Directors shall be appointed by representatives of the founding members, partners, collaborators and supporters of the Corporation. Thereafter the Board of Directors members shall be elected pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- D) The Board of Directors shall be overseen by an Executive Committee comprised of three (3) Directors. Members of the Executive Committee may be, but need not be, officers.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS:

The Corporation shall, at all times, maintain a minimum of three (3) officers, which shall include a President/Chairman, Vice Chairman/Treasurer and Secretary, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Corporation reserves the right to increase the number of officers from time to time, but at no time will there be less than three (3) officers. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its first organizational meeting and thereafter at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT:

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6, Tallahassee, FL 32310, and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Jon D. Brown.

ARTICLE VII - PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The principal office of this Corporation shall be located at 914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

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ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS:

The name and address of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jon D. Brown	914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6 Tallahassee, FL 32310
Dale A. Brill, Ph.D.	914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6 Tallahassee, FL 32310

ARTICLE IX - TERM OF EXISTENCE:

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Corporation shall commence on an effective date of January 15, 2021.

ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS:

- A) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as it may deem necessary from time to time, including, but not limited to, provisions for the quorum and voting requirements of meetings and activities of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that such Bylaws shall not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation.
- B) Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors who are present at any regular or special meeting for such purpose.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS:

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, changed or repealed solely by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATE LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION:

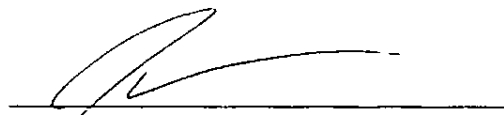
No person, firm or corporation shall receive dividends or profits from the undertaking of this Corporation and, upon dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to the supported organization, or if the supported organization ceases to exist or it is not an organization qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code at the time of such distribution, then the distribution shall be made as determined by the Board of Directors in the manner to best accomplish the charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization, provided that such distribution shall be made:

- A) To one or more organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code where the purposes are similar to the charitable and/or educational purposes of the supported organization;
- B) To a federal government or a state or local government, for public purposes similar to the charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida; or
- C) Upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the court will best accomplish the charitable and educational purposes of the supported organization.

ARTICLE XIV - INDEMNIFICATION:

The Corporation shall indemnify officers, trustees, employees and agents to the full extent permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, entitled the "Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act," provided, however, that no such indemnification shall be permitted if such indemnification would violate the purposes of the Corporation as specified in Article II herein or would be inconsistent with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

The undersigned has been authorized to execute these Articles of Incorporation this 15th day of January, 2021.

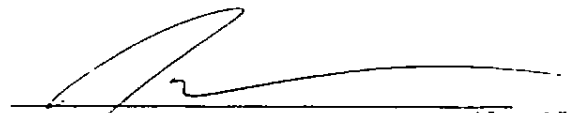

Jon D. Brown, Authorized Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the Florida Statutes, the 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: FLORIDA BLACK ART CENTER. INC.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is: Jon D. Brown, 914 Railroad Avenue, Suite 6, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED 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.



JON D. BROWN
Date: January 15, 2021

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