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# **COVER LETTER**

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

Lake Ashton Performing Arts Corporation SUBJECT:				
	(PROPOSED CORPO	RATE NAME - <u>MUST INC</u>	CLUDE SUFFIX)	
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Artic	cles of Incorporation and	a check for :	
□ \$70.00	□ \$78.75	□\$78.75	■ \$87.50	
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FROM:	Mark S. Graham	MAC		
r KOM.	Name (Printed or typed)			
	4197 Limerick Drive			
		Address	-	
	Lake Wales, FL 33859			
		City, State & Zip	-	
	863-949-0011			
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lapac.mark.graham@gmail.com

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

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is LAKE ASHTON PERFORMING ARTS CORPORATION, (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

## ARTICLE II — PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859. The name and address in the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Mark S. Graham, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859.

### ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to create a community theater organization formed for the benefit of the community, advancement of performing talent, enhancement of training and education of actors, directors, and others involved in theater productions by providing an opportunity to demonstrate and improve their skills in participation.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

Mark S. Graham	President	4197 Limerick Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859
John H. Lloyd	Vice-President	4193 Stone Creek Loop, Lake Wales, Florida 33859

Patricia A. Howe	Secretary/Treasurer	4132 Limerick Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859
David W. Greer	Director	4181 Stone Creek Loop, Lake Wales, Florida 33859
Karen E. Nelson	Director	4157 Dunmore Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859
Marlon D. Nettleton	Director	4319 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859
Cheryl H. Winchester	Director	5453 Hogan Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33884

## ARTICLE VI — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

- 1. 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 Third hereof.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

## ARTICLE VII — DURATION / DISSOLUTION/DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, 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.

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is Mark S. Graham, 4197 Limerick Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859

## ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is Mark S. Graham, 4197 Limerick Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33859

## ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective of the corporation is January 1, 2021.

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.

Signature of Registered Agent Date January 1, 2021

Mark S. Graham

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 in s.817.155. F.S.

Signature of Incorporator Date January 1, 2021

Mark S. Graham