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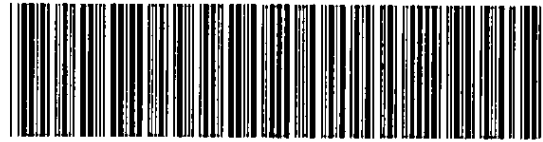
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**SUBJECT: Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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### ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Name (Printed or typed): Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated

-Address: 4103 Bell Ave

-City, State & Zip: Sarasota, FL, 34231

-Daytime Telephone number: 281 - 507-9139

-E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification): sarasotafreetheatre@gmail.com

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

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: "Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated." The Business of the Corporation may be conducted as (DBA) Sarasota Free Theatre.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address: 4103 Bell Ave Sarasota, FL, 34231

**ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Name and Title: James Monaghan, Vice President and Secretary  
Address: 4103 Bell Ave  
Sarasota FL, 34231

Name and Title: Mary Elizabeth Gilbert, President  
Address: 631 N. Orange Ave,  
Unit 102  
Sarasota FL, 34236

Name and Title: Hal McCombs  
Address: PO Box 91  
250 Wheeler Road  
Boca Grande, FL 33921

**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable) of the registered agent

Name: James Monaghan  
Address: 4103 Bell Ave, Sarasota FL., 34231

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: James Monaghan  
Address: 4103 Bell Ave, Sarasota FL., 34231

**ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: . (OPTIONAL)

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**ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION:**

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The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated shall operate for educational and charitable purposes as defined within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated's purpose is to bring free theatre to the people of Sarasota, Manatee, and Charlotte Counties. Through the utilization of non-traditional spaces and employment of local artists, we seek to bring joyous, energetic theatre to the general public to further appreciation of arts, culture, and humanities.

The corporation's programs include producing classical and contemporary works of theatre, rehearsing said productions, and engaging with the public on related activities such as discussions, interactive experiences, educational workshops, and fundraising events throughout Sarasota, Manatee, and Charlotte Counties. We welcome peoples of all races, religions, cultures, orientations and identities to participate in these activities with safety and integrity.

In order to maximize the impact of our current activities, the corporation may at times seek to collaborate with other organizations that further the corporation's purpose.

Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated will engage in any and all lawful activities necessary to further its purpose.

### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION (The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: )

Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated shall be governed by its board of directors and does not maintain a membership. Additional members of the board of directors shall be voted into position by a majority vote of the existing board of directors in the affirmative. No officer or director of this corporation may be held personally liable for the debts and obligations of Sarasota Free Theatre, Incorporated of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payments of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

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The organization to receive the assets of Sarasota Free Theatre shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the Sarasota Free Theatre and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed by one (1) or more of its managing body which petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section.


**ARTICLE X 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 public office, nor will the corporation engage in any other activities that would preclude its qualification as a 501(c)(3) organization.

*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*

  
James Monaghan 5/17/2022  
-Required Signature of Registered Agent 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.*

  
James Monaghan 5/17/2022  
Required Signature of Incorporator Date

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