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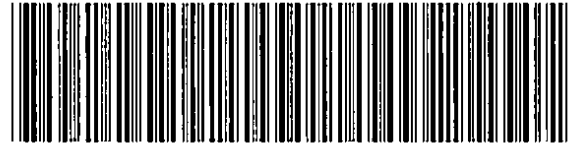
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January 4, 2024

Via Federal Express

Department of State
Division of Corporations
The Centre of Tallahassee
2415 North Monroe Street
Suite 810
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Re: Articles of Incorporation for **Christian Youth Theater of Tampa Bay, Inc.**

Dear Florida Department of State:

Please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and Check Number 1006 in the amount of \$87.50 for the filing fee, certified copy, and certificate. This is for **Christian Youth Theater of Tampa Bay, Inc.** The registered agent, incorporator, and main contact for Christian Youth Theater of Tampa Bay, Inc. is as follows:

Timothy Bettelli
2233 Grovewood Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764
Phone: (865) 456-0848
Email: tbettelli@gmail.com

Out of an abundance of caution, and for the avoidance of any doubt, please find below the executed registered agent and incorporator certifications:



Address

2201 Spinks Road, Suite 208
Flower Mound, TX 75028




Phone

(469) 300-8696



Website

mychurchlawfirm.com

Required Signature of Registered Agent. 


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.



01 / 04 / 2024

Timothy Bettelli

Date

Required Signature of Incorporator. 

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.



01 / 04 / 2024

Timothy Bettelli

Date

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. You are also welcome to call me direct at (214) 966-0905. Thank you for your assistance – much appreciated.

Sincerely,



CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATER OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
Articles of Incorporation

Christian Youth Theater of Tampa Bay, Inc. (also, the "Ministry") hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Ministry pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Section 617 *et seq.*, of the Florida Business Corporation Act, as amended (the "Code").

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The filing entity is a nonprofit religious corporation. The name of the Ministry is Christian Youth Theater of Tampa Bay, Inc.

ARTICLE 2
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The Ministry is a nonprofit religious corporation organized under the Code and shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Ministry shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws (the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986").

ARTICLE 3
AUTONOMY

The Ministry is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches and ministries in world missions and otherwise, this Ministry may voluntarily affiliate with any churches (Christian churches and ministries) of like faith and mission.

ARTICLE 4 DURATION

The period of the Ministry's duration is perpetual, notwithstanding subsequent action by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5 PURPOSES

The Ministry is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes not expressly prohibited under the Code, including any purpose described by the Code. The Ministry is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Ministry's purposes also include the limited participation of the Ministry in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, but without limitation, the purposes of this Ministry are:

(a) To promote the Christian religion by any appropriate form of expression, within any available medium, and in any location, through the Ministry's combined or separate formation, of a church, ministry, charity, school, or eleemosynary institution, without limitation.

(b) To see students glorify Jesus through character, creativity, and community through theater arts and any other permissible artistic medium.

(c) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Ministry and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.

(d) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) This Ministry is also organized to: promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable, and educational activities; accept, hold, invest, reinvest, and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds, and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Ministry; and do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Ministry. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE 6

POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in this Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Ministry shall have all those powers set forth in the Code, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Ministry shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers. The powers of the Ministry to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

(a) The Ministry shall not pay dividends, and no part of the net earnings of the Ministry shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its organizers, officers, or other private persons, except that the Ministry shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Ministry) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Ministry shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Ministry shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Articles of Incorporation, the Ministry shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) In the event this Ministry is in any one (1) year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and further shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self-dealing" as defined in

Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; (ii) retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (iv) making taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) The Ministry shall not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions that would restrict or violate any of the Ministry's religious, charitable, or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Ministry, the Ministry shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Ministry, distribute all of the assets of the Ministry to any organization designated by the Board of Directors of the Ministry which is of like faith and order and is exempt from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP

The Ministry shall have no corporate members. As a ministry, the management of the Ministry's affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Ministry.

ARTICLE 9 REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT INITIAL STREET AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address of the registered office of the Ministry is 2233 Grovewood Road, Clearwater, Florida 33764. The name of the registered agent at this office is Timothy Bettelli.

The initial street and mailing address of the Ministry is 2233 Grovewood Road, Clearwater, Florida 33764.

ARTICLE 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Plenary power to manage and govern the affairs of the Ministry is vested in the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of the Ministry. The term "Board of Directors" shall mean the "board of directors" as required by the Code. The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Ministry shall be provided in the Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws. The number of Directors may not be decreased to less than three (3). Directors need not be residents of Florida. The current Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
Timothy Bettelli (co-founder)	2233 Grovewood Road Clearwater, Florida 33764
Louise Bettelli (co-founder)	2233 Grovewood Road Clearwater, Florida 33764
Gina Misenhelder (co-founder)	116 Oak Crest Drive Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

ARTICLE 11 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

A Director is not liable to the Ministry or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 12 INDEMNIFICATION

Except as may be defined and limited by the Code and Bylaws (amended, restated, or otherwise), the Ministry may, but is not required to, indemnify a person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a Director or other person related to the Ministry. The Ministry may provide a trust fund, insurance, or other arrangement to effectuate this Article 12.

ARTICLE 13 CONSTRUCTION

All references in this Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENT

This Articles of Incorporation may only be amended upon the unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors or by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws, unless otherwise prescribed pursuant to applicable mandatory provisions of the Code.

ARTICLE 15 INCORPORATOR

The name of the incorporator of the Ministry is Timothy Bettelli. The address of the incorporator of the Ministry is 2233 Grovewood Road, Clearwater, Florida 33764.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The Articles of Incorporation, as set forth above, has been approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Ministry. There are no members with voting rights.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned Ministry has caused this Articles of Incorporation to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this 3rd day of January 2024.

Signature: Louise Bettelli

Name: Louise Bettelli

Title: Secretary (co-founder)

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