

State of Florida



Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that THE PHYLLIS MERRITT SINGERS, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on March 28, 2005.

The document number of this corporation is N05000003389.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2005, and its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this the
First day of April, 2005



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Glenda E. Hood
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Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be "The Phyllis Merritt Singers, Inc."

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

The Phyllis Merritt Singers, Inc.
5610 Vestavia Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32526

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

This corporation's primary purpose is the advancement and encouragement of performing excellence in the choral arts, and raising public awareness of the life long value of a quality music education as part of a comprehensive education experience. These purposes shall include:

Presentation of high quality public performances of a variety of choral music spanning the choral arts tradition;

Performance and participation in choral workshops, conventions, and other similar venues attended by and for the benefit of the choral practitioner;

Educating the public about the life long, positive benefits of a quality music education in the development of well rounded, contributing members of society;

Encouraging the public to view the inclusion of a high quality musical arts experience as an essential element of a comprehensive education;

Solicitation of public and private funds to support the performing and operating expenses of the corporation, including but not limited to payment of administrative expenses; purchase of music, supplies, equipment, uniforms, and other materials necessary to the accomplishment of the corporation's purposes; and payment of transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred during the course of travel to and from events conducted in pursuit of the corporation's qualifying purposes.

ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Directors and officers shall be appointed in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The organizing officers and directors listed below shall serve until such time that a permanent board of officers and directors is selected in accordance with the bylaws.

Mary Edge, President
5610 Vestavia Lane
Pensacola, FL 32526

Susan Burlison, Treasurer
1700 E. Gadsden Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Teri Williams, Secretary
828 Challen Circle North
Mobile, Al 36608

Rhonda Boutwell, Organizing Director
4509 Creekmoor Drive
Pensacola, FL 32526

Gary Christenot, Organizing Director
907 Cloverdale Court
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Mary Ann Christenot, Organizing Director
907 Cloverdale Court
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

John Edge, Organizing Director
5610 Vestavia Lane
Pensacola, FL 32526

Carol Gaines, Organizing Director
624 N. 65th Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32506

John Jones, Organizing Director
1235 Greenbrier Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32514

Annette Joyner, Organizing Director
1200 Shoreline Drive, #417
Gulf Breeze, FL 32516

Douglas Lee, Organizing Director
2027 Copley Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

Disa Lee, Organizing Director
2027 Copley Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

Sam Waite, Organizing Director
1424 Templemoore Drive
Pensacola, FL 32533

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of the registered agent is:

Mary Edge
5610 Vestavia Lane
Pensacola, FL 32526

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Gary B. Christenot
907 Cloverdale Court
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

ARTICLE VIII - ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

The corporation is authorized to engage in all the allowable activities of a not for profit corporation incorporated in the state of Florida and will conduct all such activities in accordance with Florida Statute 617.

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 III.

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. 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 formed under Florida Statute 617, or (b) 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 (c) 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 IX - DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets 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.

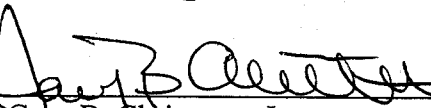
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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Mary G. Edge, Registered Agent

3-24-2005
Date



Gary B. Christenot, Incorporator

March 21, 2005
Date