

THE HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.  
(HOWARD ARTS UNITED, INC.)  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION- Approved April 6, 1981; Revised June 17, 1993

FIRST: I, Edward A. Harris, whose post office address is 10473 Gray Owl Garth, Columbia, Maryland, 21044, being over eighteen years of age, do hereby form a corporation under the general laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the corporation (hereinafter call the "Corporation") is the HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (HOWARD ARTS UNITED, INC.)

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed is to encourage the arts in Howard County, Maryland, through programs and projects for increasing public understanding of the needs of local artists and arts organizations and public appreciation of local arts opportunities and resources. A secondary purpose is to encourage arts and cultural opportunities for Howard County residents provided by Baltimore City arts and cultural institutions. Both purposes will be achieved by providing such other information, services and assistance, financial or non-financial, as is customary or appropriate for public bodies and non-profit organizations concerned with advancing the public interest in the various arts on a county-wide or regional basis; and to receive gifts, grants, contributions and bequests and to exercise all other powers which the Corporation may have under Maryland law in furtherance of these purposes; but not withstanding any other provision of these Articles, the purposes of the Corporation shall be exclusively educational and charitable and all powers of the Corporation shall be limited as provided in Article SEVENTH below.

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in Maryland is Post Office Box 29, Ellicott City, Maryland, 21043. The name and post office address of the resident agent of the Corporation who actual resides in Maryland is Richard C. Lewis, 6166 Tower Top, Columbia, Maryland, 21045.

FIFTH: The Corporation is not organized for profit; it shall not have and is not authorized to issue capital stock.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the Corporation shall be nine, which number may be increased pursuant to the by-laws of the Corporation; and the names of the directors who shall act until the first annual meeting and until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are: Richard C. Lewis, Robert M. Shuford, Edward A. Harris, Brenda A. Bell, Fredrika S. Hill, Wendy B. Hackney, Virginia S. Manchester, Kristin Maria Gould, and Jeffrey Lemich.

SEVENTH: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, directors, officers, members of the Corporation, or other organizations or private persons, except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for property acquired or secured and for services actually rendered and may make grants or contributions and award prizes or honoraria in support of its educational and charitable purposes as described in Article THIRD above. Unless the Corporation has duly elected to be covered under a different test or standard as may be permitted pursuant to provisions of federal law applicable to eligible organizations exempt from federal income tax under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future federal law), 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 statement) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles or of the bylaws of the Corporation, and notwithstanding any power or authority which the Corporation may have under the laws of Maryland, the Corporation shall not carry on activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future federal law) or by a corporation the contributions to which are deductible under section 170 c (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future federal law). In it becomes impractical or inexpedient to continue the Corporation's activities, the assets of the Corporation then remaining in the hands of the Corporation shall be distributed, transferred, delivered and paid over to any other educational or charitable organization which is exempt from federal taxation under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of future federal law) and which has purposes similar or analogous to those of the Corporation.

EIGHTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.