GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

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CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that all applicable provisions of the District of Columbia NonProfit Corporation Act have been complied with and accordingly, this ***CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION*** is hereby issued to:

THE EMERGENCE COMMUNITY ARTS COLLECTIVE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed as of the **8th** day of **April , 2003 .**

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David Clark
DIRECTOR

Elizabeth O. Kim
Administrator
Business Regulation Administration

Eldred E J Fornah
Act. Assistant Superintendent of Corporations
Corporations Division

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Anthony A. Williams
Mayor

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17027
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Articles of Incorporation

of

The Emergence Community Arts Collective

TO: Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Business Regulation Administration
Corporations Division
941 North Capitol St. NE
Washington. DC 20002

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the District of Columbia NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT (D.C. Code, 2001 Edition, Title 29, Chapter 3), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

First. The name of the Corporation is The Emergence Community Arts Collective (hereinafter "Corporation").

Second. The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Third. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (hereinafter "the Code") or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In furtherance thereof, the Corporation may receive property by gift. devise or bequest, invest and reinvest the same, and apply the income and principal thereof, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, either directly or through contributions to any charitable organization or organizations, exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, and engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to provide a community space which offers activities that will foster cultural recovery, community consciousness and environmental awareness and as otherwise proscribed by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The Corporation shall have in furtherance of the aforesaid purposes all of the powers conferred upon corporations organized pursuant to the provisions of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Fourth. The Corporation shall not have members.

Fifth. The manner of election or appointment of the Directors of the Corporation shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Sixth. Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be dealt with in accordance to the Bylaws of the Corporation and as follows:

a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, director or officer of the Corporation or any other private person, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.

b) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise permitted by section 501(h) of the Code, and in any corresponding laws of the District of Columbia), and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements concerning) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

c) During such period, or periods, of time as the Corporation is treated as a "private foundation" pursuant to section 509 of the Code, the directors must distribute the Corporation's income at such time and in such manner so as not to subject the Corporation to tax under section 4942 of the Code, and the Corporation is prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in section 4941(d) of the Code), from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in section 4943(c) of the Code) which would

subject the Corporation to tax under section 4943 of the Code, from making any investments or otherwise acquiring assets in such manner so as to subject the Corporation to tax under section 4944 of the Code, from retaining any assets which would subject the Corporation to tax under section 4944 of the Code if the directors have acquired such assets, and from making any taxable expenditures (as defined in section 4945(d) of the Code).

d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not directly or indirectly carry on any activity which would prevent it from obtaining exemption from Federal income taxation as a corporation described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or cause it to lose such exempt status, or carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

e) 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, 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.

Seventh. The name of the initial registered agent, a resident of the District of Columbia, and the address of the initial registered office of the Corporation are:

John Oubre 501 M St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

Eighth. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is five, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors be elected and qualified are:

Sylvia Robinson 10921 Bucknell Dr. Wheaton, MD 20902

Paul Ramos 830 Flagler Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20918

Cinezio Pecanha 415 Butternut St. #1, Washington DC 20012

Steven Shaff 3808 34th St., Mt. Ranier, MD 20712

Meghan Walsh 133 Randolph Pl. NW Washington, DC 20001

Ninth. The names and addresses, including street number and zip code, of the incorporators are:

Sylvia Robinson 10921 Bucknell Dr. Wheaton, MD 20902

Paul Ramos 830 Flagler Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20918

Steven Shaff 3808 34th St., Mt. Ranier, MD 20712

In witness whereof, we, the incorporators, have hereunto subscribed our names the 4th day of April, 2003.

Sylvia Robinson — Date 4/4/03

Steve Shaff — Date 4Apr03

Stephen

Paul Ramos — Date 4Apr03

The undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, does hereby certify that on this 17th day of April, 2003, Sylvia Robinson, Steve Shaff and Paul Ramos personally appeared before me and signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as incorporators of the proposed corporation named therein, and have averred that the statements contained therein are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date aforesaid.

(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public

Commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 1, 2004

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
HOLTSVILLE NY 00501-0023

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 04-16-2003
NUMBER OF THIS NOTICE: CP 575 E
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 06-1687385
FORM: SS-4 NOBOD

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL US AT:
1-800-829-0115

OR WRITE TO THE ADDRESS
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IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB OF THIS NOTICE.

EMERGENCE COMMUNITY ARTS COLLECTIVE
% SYLVIA ROBINSON
10921 BUCKNELL DR
WHEATON MD 20902

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)

Thank you for your Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 06-1687385. This EIN will identify your business account, tax returns, and documents even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Use your complete name and EIN shown above on all federal tax forms, payments and related correspondence. If you use any variation of your name or EIN, it may cause a delay in processing and may result in incorrect information in your account. It also could cause you to be assigned more than one EIN.

If you want to apply to receive a ruling or a determination letter recognizing your organization as tax exempt, and have not already done so, you should file Form 1023/1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption, with the IRS Ohio Key District Office. Publication 557, Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization, is available at most IRS offices and has details on how you can apply .