

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BROWARD COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, being natural persons and competent to contract, hereby form a Corporation, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Corporation shall be:

- To advance the interest of music and musicians
- To raise the standard of music teaching
- To promote true music culture by the exchange of ideas
- To cultivate fraternal relations among the members of the music teaching profession
- To work within the framework of Florida State Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association Constitution and By-Laws

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1:* Membership classifications and privileges shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc. hereinafter designated as BCMTA or as the Association and must be consistent with the membership classifications provided in the Bylaws of FSMTA. Membership shall consist of the following classifications: Active, Collegiate, Retired, Honorary, and Associate.

*Section 2:* Membership dues shall be approved by the Executive Board and approved by the membership of BCMTA.

*Section 3:* Membership in the Association may be terminated by the member or revoked by the Association as prescribed in the Music Teachers National Association, Inc. Bylaws.

*Section 4:* All members of this Association must hold membership in FSMTA and in MTNA.

*Section 5:* All membership categories include an agreement to abide by the current Code of Ethics of Music Teachers National Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

*Section 1:* Elected Officers of the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc. shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

*Section 2:* The duties of elected officers shall be set forth in the by-laws of the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc.

*Section 3:* The elected officers and Directors shall make up the membership of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall hold powers of approval or disapproval of all business coming before the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc.

## **ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist in perpetuity.

## **ARTICLE VI - NON-PROFIT STATUS**

This corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit or for financial gain. No incorporator or member of the corporation shall have any vested rights or prevail in, of or to the assets, functions, affairs, or franchises of this Corporation or any right, interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable or which shall continue if membership ceases. No part of the earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit nor be distributable to its incorporators, members, directors, 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 II hereof.

## **ARTICLE VII - LIMITATION ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This Corporation shall not participate in or interfere in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively for the purposes of this Corporation in such manner and to such organization or organizations which shall have qualified as a not for profit organization.

## **ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

*Section 1:* The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers named in Article IV, Section 1 and shall determine policies of the Association by actively pursuing the purposes of the Association within the limits of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. It shall have discretion in the disbursement of all funds of the Association.

*Section 2:* Pertaining to meetings of the Executive Board, in order to transact business, a quorum consisting of four members of the Executive Board, at least one of them being the President or a Vice President, must be present.

*Section 3:* Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the Executive Board of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

*Section 4:* Pertaining to meetings of the General membership, four voting members of the Executive Board and four additional active members must be present to constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

*Section 1:* The Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present, providing the proposed amendment has been approved by the Executive Board and has been submitted to the full membership either at a previous meeting or by email.

*Section 2:* The President may appoint a Parliamentarian to advise on matters of procedure at Executive Board and/or General Business meetings.

*Section 3:* Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be considered final authority for any and all parliamentary procedures.

## **ARTICLE XI - SUBSCRIBERS AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The subscribers and incorporators of this Corporation are:

Ms. Evelyn Rieker  
2810 NE 39 Court  
Lighthouse Point, Fl 33064

Ms Susanna LaJoie  
9641 NW 44 Court  
Sunrise, Fl 33351

Ms. Sandra Greenland  
3220 NW 107 Avenue  
Coral Springs, Fl 33065

The Registered Agent for this Corporation shall be the current President, and having been named as Registered Agent, will accept service or process for the above named corporation at the place designate and hereby accepts appointment as Registered Agent.

## **ARTICLE XII - BROWARD COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAWS**

*Section 1:* The By-Laws of the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc. shall be those previously published and amended from time to time. Copies of the By-Laws may be found on the Broward County Music Teachers Association, Inc. website at [bcmta.org](http://bcmta.org).

## **ARTICLE XIII - FISCAL YEAR**

*Section 1:* The fiscal year of the association is July 1 to June 30.