

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**Montana Music Educators Association, Inc.**  
A Montana Nonprofit public benefit corporation

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is Montana Music Educators Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

The corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person.

**ARTICLE III**

The corporation will have members.

**ARTICLE IV**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

**ARTICLE V**

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda as it is defined within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, 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.

**ARTICLE VI**

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes meeting the requirements for exemption. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any 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 Four hereof.

**ARTICLE VII**

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the corporation and for necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption under § 501(c)(3) of the Code as the Board of Directors shall determine, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a

state or local government, for a public purpose. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any director or officer, or any private individual.

**ARTICLE VIII**

The corporation will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, or religion.

**ARTICLE IX**

The incorporator of the corporation is Karen Callan, currently of 112 Strand Ave., Missoula, MT 59802.

**ARTICLE X**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 341 Central Avenue, Whitefish, MT 59937 and the name of the initial registered agent at that office is Lori B. Miller.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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KAREN CALLAN, Incorporator

**REGISTERED AGENT ACCEPTANCE**

Having been named as registered agent, I certify that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as agent for the foregoing corporation until such time as I resign or I am replaced by another registered agent.

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LORI B. MILLER

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DATE