## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

## SMOKY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY THEATRE

The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

- 1. The name of the corporation shall be Smoky Mountain Community Theatre.
  - 2. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
  - 3. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
  - a. To support the creation of a non-profit community theatre for the residents of Swain County, North Carolina, and surrounding counties in Western North Carolina;
  - b. To acquire personal and real property to be used to develop as a center for community programs for meeting the needs of those persons involved in the productions of the group in order to contribute to the improvement of the cultural status of the residents of Swain County, North Carolina, and surrounding counties in Western North Carolina.
  - 4. The corporation shall have no members.
- 5. The directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided in the bylaws.
- 6. The corporation is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the corporation; and upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets thereof shall, after all of its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made therefore, be distributed to the

Swain County Arts Council, PO Box 517, Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina 28713, to be used by them for purposes within those set forth and within the intent of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and its regulations as the same now exist or as may be hereafter amended from time to time.

- 7. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is Everett Street, PO Box 1366, Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina 28713.
- 8. The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Randall K. Epperson.
- 9. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be five; and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Randall K. Epperson PO Box 1098 Bryson City, NC 28713

William Slater PO Box 207 Whittier, NC 28789

Pat Greene PO Box 13 Almond, NC 28702

Susan L. Epperson PO Box 1098 Bryson City, NC 28713

Kay Sharpe PO Box 256 Whittier, NC 28789

10. The name of the incorporator is Randall K. Epperson, PO Box 1098, Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina 28713.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this $\frac{19}{19}$ day of March, 1987.
Randall K. Epperson PO Box 1098 Bryson City, North Carolina 28713
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SWAIN  I, Judith Gulson Beau, a notary public, do hereby certify that Randall K. Epperson personally appeared before me this
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: