



Michigan Department of Commerce

Lansing, Michigan.

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

I, Keith Motin, Director, Michigan Department of Commerce, Do Hereby  
Certify That Articles of Incorporation of \_\_\_\_\_  
REBIRTH, INC.

were duly filed in this office on the 20th day of April, 1978,  
in conformity with Act 284, Public Acts of 1972, as amended, and Act 327, Public  
Acts of 1931, as amended.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the Seal of the Department  
in the City of Lansing, this 20th day  
of April, 1978.

*Keith Motin*  
Director

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
Corporation Division  
Lansing, Michigan

(Non-Profit)  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is Rebirth, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

1. To preserve, protect, and present the music of the African-American cultural tradition, with particular emphasis on the compositional works of the great musical composers and creators of the tradition;
2. To relate the classical African-American musical tradition to the works of contemporary artists and composers by comparing and contrasting the music of the tradition with contemporary works in performances, workshops, lectures and audio and video recordings;
3. To integrate the works, compositions and improvisations of Detroit jazz artists and composers into the classical tradition and relate them to the contemporary musical scene so as to affirm their artistic validity and cultural vitality in terms of the world musical community;
4. To educate, inform and upgrade the understanding of Detroit, Michigan, national and international audiences for the true worth and value of the African-American musical and cultural tradition, its relationship to the contemporary musical scene and the role played by Detroit jazz artists and composers in terms of preserving and extending the tradition;
5. To produce cultural, entertainment and media products and services for social, governmental and semi-governmental agencies, private and non-private philanthropic organizations, commercial enterprises and individuals and to enter into contracts with said entities to provide these products and services at a fee;
6. To solicit and obtain grants, contributions and donations from government and semi-governmental agencies, private and non-private philanthropic organizations, commercial entities and individuals;



7. To enter into sub-contracts for goods and services necessary to the corporate purposes;
8. To hire, fire and train personnel to perform the functions necessary to the corporation's operation;
9. To buy and sell, hold and own, lease and exchange real estate and personal property (equipment) incidental to the corporate purposes and operation;
10. To distribute and disburse funds from grants, loans and operating revenues according to the operational, capital expenditure and promotional needs of the corporation;
11. To garner funds from operational revenues, grants and loans only for the aforementioned purposes and not for the profit or capital gain of any of the corporation's directors, staff or membership;
12. To operate as a non-profit corporation in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code;
13. To transact any or all other business which is incidental, necessary or proper to the exercise of any or all of the forementioned purposes of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE III.

Location of the first registered office is c/o Strata Associates, Inc., 15 East Kirby, Detroit, Michigan 48202 (Wayne County).

#### ARTICLE IV.

The name of the first registered agent is John Sinclair.

#### ARTICLE V.

Said corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

(a) The amount of assets which the said corporation possesses is:

Real Property: None

Personal Property: None

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: by grants, contributions and membership dues from individuals, public and quasi-public agencies, etc.

ARTICLE VI.

The names and places of residence, or business, of each of the incorporators are as follows:

Willie Stamps	2757 Grand River	Detroit, Michigan
Jeanette Williams	24630 Seneca	Royal Oak, Michigan
Barbara Weinberg	689 Virginia Park	Detroit, Michigan
Ossalee Lockett	8825 LaSalle Blvd.	Detroit, Michigan

ARTICLE VII.

The names and addresses of the first board of directors are as follows:

Willie Stamps	2757 Grand River	Detroit, Michigan
Jeanette Williams	24630 Seneca	Royal Oak, Michigan
Barbara Weinberg	689 Virginia Park	Detroit, Michigan
Ossalee Lockett	8825 LaSalle Blvd.	Detroit, Michigan

ARTICLE VII.

The term of the corporate existence is perpetual.

ARTICLE IX.

In the event of dissolution, all assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Internal Revenue Law.



We, the incorporators, sign our names this 28th day of March, 1978:

Willie Stamps Willie C. Stamps  
Jeanette Williams Jeanette Williams  
Barbara Weinberg Barbara Weinberg  
Ossalee Lockett Ossalee Lockett

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE

On this 28th day of March, 1978, before me personally appeared Willie Stamps, Jeanette Williams, and Barbara Weinberg, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledge that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Peggy C. Taube  
(Signature of Notary)

Peggy C. Taube, Notary Public for  
Wayne County, State of Michigan

My Commission Expires: June 3, 1979