



Canton Arts Council Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation of **Canton Arts Council**. The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Connecticut, do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I, NAME

1.01 Name

The name of the Corporation shall be **Canton Arts Council, Inc.**

ARTICLE II, NON-PROFIT STATEMENT

2.01 Statement

The Association is nonprofit and that the corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock or make distributions.

ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP

3.01 Members

The Canton Arts Council shall have no members.

ARTICLE IV, ADDRESS

4.01 Address

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is Canton, CT, Hartford County. The mailing address is:

4.02 Initial Registered Agent



Name: Andrew Minor

ARTICLE V, GOVERNANCE

5.01 Governance

The Canton Arts Council shall be governed by its Board of Directors, who also serve as the elected Officers of the Council.

5.02 Initial Directors

President	Name: Andrew Minor	Address: Canton, CT 06019
Treasurer	Name: Nancy Delgreco	Address: Canton, CT 06019
Secretary	Name: Gail Deutsch	Address: Canton, CT 06019

ARTICLE VI, PURPOSE

6.01 Purpose

The Canton Arts Council is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

The purpose of the Canton Arts Council is to promote the arts by connecting local artists and arts organizations with the community. The council hopes to educate the community about the arts through advocacy, community engagement, networking, professional development, and outreach. The council considers all forms of art including, but not limited to visual artists, writers, makers, performers, and musicians.



We also provide education and opportunities for artists to produce and present their work to the community. In partnering with local artists we can seek out funding opportunities for artists and art programs. We generate awareness and facilitate collaboration among members of the arts community in and around Canton CT. We also look to support the connections between artists, local schools and the community.

In cultivating and educating the public about the arts we intend to nurture the economic, educational and cultural development of Canton. Thus, making Canton an arts destination where the arts are recognized, valued, promoted and realized as a means to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of our community.

The Council may achieve these purposes through all lawful acts consistent with Connecticut and Federal law.

6.02 Public Benefit

The Canton Arts Council is designated as a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE VII, NON-PROFIT NATURE

7.01 Non-Profit Nature

The Canton Arts Council is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Six hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a



corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Canton Arts Council is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

7.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of the Canton Arts Council of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

7.03 Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Canton Arts Council, any 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, or to a state or local 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.

7.04 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

7.05 Prohibited Activities



Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VIII, NON-PROFIT NATURE

8.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

ARTICLE X, INCORPORATOR

The incorporators of the corporation are as follows:

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Treasurer	Name: Nancy Delgreco	Address:
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