



**State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services  
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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is Pat Bigelow Foundation for the Arts

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

THE PAT BIGELOW FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS (PBFA) IS DEDICATED TO REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS AND MAKING THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE OR BACKGROUND, DESERVES THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THEIR ARTISTIC PASSIONS. OUR FOUNDATION IS COMMITTED TO NURTURING CREATIVITY, FOSTERING TALENT, AND BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE THE ARTS FLOURISH.

**ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE ELECTED EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE BOARD WILL ESTABLISH ANNUAL FUNDING GOALS BASED ON PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY SCHOLARSHIPS. FUNDRAISING GOALS WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND SHARED WITH THE BOARD AND CLUB EACH FISCAL YEAR.

**ARTICLE V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 111 ASH AVE  
City or Town: TIVERTON State: RI Zip: 02878

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is CHERIE ANDRADE

**ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	MELANIE HANNA	158 RANGER ROAD SOMERSET, MA 02720 USA
DIRECTOR	KIM MEDERIOS	9 HOLLY HILL AVE WESTPORT, MA 02790 USA
DIRECTOR	KELLY SILVA	203 OLD BEDFORD ROAD WESTPORT, MA 02790 USA

**ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	CHERIE ANDRADE	111 ASH AVE TIVERTON, RI 02878 USA

**ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin 09/03/2024  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 3 Day of September, 2024 at 2:18:24 PM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**

CHERIE ANDRADE

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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,  
hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions  
of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this  
office on this day:

September 03, 2024 02:17 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg M. Amore".

Gregg M. Amore  
*Secretary of State*

