

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
NORTH AMERICAN BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION
“In the British Tradition”

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen or more, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina as contained in Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes, entitled “Non-Profit Corporation Act”, and the several amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

- (1) The name of the corporation is the North American Brass Band Association, Inc.
- (2) The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.
- (3) The object and purpose for which this corporation is organized is:
 - (a) To sponsor and hold local, state, regional, national and international contests for the purpose of improving the performing standards and abilities of amateur British-type brass bands.
 - (b) To foster, promote and otherwise encourage the establishment, growth and development of amateur and professional British-type brass bands throughout the United States and Canada.
 - (c) To support and help further the music education of its members and to advance the public’s appreciation of British-type brass bands.
 - (d) To serve as a resource for musical and organizational assistance to amateur British-type brass bands throughout North America.
- (4) The corporation’s activities shall be conducted without personal gain for its individual members and any profits or other inurements to the Corporation shall be solely used to promote its purposes. The corporation shall have no power or authority to engage in activities which consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation nor to participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for any public office.
- (5) The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

Music Department
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, N. C. 28723

The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Bert Wiley.

- (6) In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1953 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or local government for exclusive public purpose.
- (7) The corporation shall have the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in a manner now or hereunder prescribed by

statute provided, however, that under no circumstances shall these Articles of Incorporation be amended so that the corporation may operate for other than charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes or so that any individual may participate in the distribution of the earnings, funds or properties of this corporation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- (a) A corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law, or;
 - (b) A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law.
- (8) The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number and qualifications of the Directors, together with their terms of office, manner of election, removal, change in number, filling of vacancies, except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation or by the Laws of the State of North Carolina, be as prescribed in the By-Laws. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be 9, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial directors of the corporation, and until their successors are elected and qualified, are as follows:
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| (1) William Boles, Jr. | 4700 Burning Tree Lane
Wilson, North Carolina 27893 |
| (2) Charles Colin | 315 West 53 rd Street
New York, New York 10019 |
| (3) Harvey Phillips | 4769 Harrell Road
Bloomington, Indiana 47401 |
| (4) William Shelton | P. O. Box 677
Louisa, Virginia 23093 |
| (5) Miller Sigmon | North Carolina Arts Council
221 East Lane Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 |
| (6) Mike Swaffer | 225 West Maple Avenue
Lancaster, Kentucky 40444 |
| (7) Richard Trevarthen | 800 Thomas Park
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786 |
| (8) J. Perry Watson | 4208 Union Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 |
| (9) Bert Wiley | Music Department
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723 |
- (9) The names and addresses of the Incorporators are as follows:
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereto set our hands and seals this 14th day of October, 1983.

William Boles, Jr.
Charles Colin
Harvey Phillips
William Shelton
Miller Sigmon
Mike Swaffar
Richard Trevarthen
J. Perry Watson
Bert Wiley