

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
VSA VERMONT, INC.**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be VSA Vermont, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

This corporation, hereinafter referred to as VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be a voluntary, non-profit, educational association, under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The purpose of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be to make the world of the arts accessible to Vermonters of all abilities. To accomplish this end, VSA Vermont Inc. will present programs in arts education, cultural access, professional development and public awareness specifically designed to encourage and develop arts resources for persons with disabilities and related barriers to full community inclusion. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

ARTICLE III – PLACE OF BUSINESS

The registered office of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be in Winooski, Vermont or such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE IV – NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be a non-profit corporation and shall not have authority to issue any capital stock. The property of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be used solely to promote its purposes as herein defined. No substantial part of the activities of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall consist of carrying propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. No part of the activities of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall consist of participating in or intervening in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Upon any dissolution or winding up of VSA Vermont, Inc., any assets remaining after payment of or provision for its debts and disabilities shall, consistent with the purposes of VSA Vermont, Inc. be paid over to charitable corporations qualifying as exempt organizations under the provision of Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of subsequently enacted Federal Law. No part of the net assets or net earnings of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of or be paid or distributed to any officer, director, member, employee or donor of VSA Vermont, Inc. except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE V – POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of VSA Vermont, Inc. to operate without discrimination without discrimination with respect to race, national origin, religion, age, color, sex, gender or disability in relation to the services provided by VSA Vermont, Inc. and in relation to the recruitment, hiring, retention or serving on the VSA Vermont, Inc. Board of Directors or committees.

ARTICLE VI – POWERS

VSA Vermont, Inc. shall have all the general powers conferred by Chapter 19, Title XI, and all amendments thereto, and all other powers necessary, desirable, or incidental fully to effectuate its corporate purposes including but not limited to the power to acquire real or personal property by grant, gift, demise, bequest, or purchase, and to hold, lease, mortgage, or dispose of such property as the purpose of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall require.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of VSA Vermont, Inc., the number of officers, their several terms of office, their method of election, respective duties and all other things pertaining to the purposes of VSA Vermont, Inc. shall be defined and established in the by-laws adopted by VSA Vermont, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII – PERIOD OF DURATION OF THE CORPORATION

The period of the duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

Amended: April 8, 2010 including name changed to VSA Vermont, Inc.,
Chigee Cloninger, President

Amended: April 1, 2000 name changed to VSA Arts Vermont, Inc., Carrie
McKillip, President

Amended March 25, 1998, Scott Pauli, President

Amended February 1, 1987, Linda Schutz, President

Date Adopted: Very Special Arts Vermont, Inc. August 26, 1986,
Theodore Rikken

This copy of the Articles of Association for VSA Vermont, Inc. is a true and confirmed copy of the Articles.

Date Adopted: 6-16-2010

Signed: _____

