

Second Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 28 of 1997

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the National Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 5th September, 1997]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago an Organization known as the National Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago: Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said Organization be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

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| Enactment | ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:— |
| Short title | 1. This Act may be cited as the National Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1997. |
| Incorporation | 2. The National Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called “the Association”) is hereby created a body corporate. |
| Aims and objects | 3. The aims and objects of the Association are— <ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) to foster and promote the development of dance in all its forms in Trinidad and Tobago, and generally to increase the awareness of, and to advance education and participation in dance, and its traditions, both nationally and internationally;(b) to advise and assist members of the Association with regard to any matter affecting their professional character or interests;(c) to advance and improve dance in Trinidad and Tobago by arranging and providing for or participating in the holding of festivals and classes, and the granting of scholarships;(d) to encourage, promote, sustain and foster communication, good fellowship, interaction and co-operation among dancers;(e) to maintain and promote high standards of dance in Trinidad and Tobago through the promotion and undertaking of organized research and experimental work in dance, especially in areas such as Caribbean Folk, Indigenous Dance, Caribbean Dance Terminology and the creation of unique styles and techniques emanating from the cultures of Trinidad and Tobago; |

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- (f) to promote the welfare of retired and infirm or poor persons who worked professionally or otherwise in the art of dance;
 - (g) to conduct and assist in conducting arbitrations and other proceedings for settlement of disputes and difficulties, whether between members of the Association or between members of the Association and non-members, and to appoint Arbitrators and to receive and pay remuneration in respect of such arbitrations and other proceedings;
 - (h) to take or assist in taking all proper proceedings (legal or otherwise) to maintain high standards of professional and ethical practice;
 - (i) to consider, promote and support improvements in the law which appear to be conducive to the attainment of the aims and objects of the Association and to oppose anything which appears detrimental to the interest of any of the members of the Association or to the development of dance in Trinidad and Tobago and to take legal proceeding for the purpose;
 - (j) to ensure that the Association is recognised legally as the national entity establishing and promoting the entire dance culture and interest of all the dances throughout the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (k) to establish a National Dance Theatre Company of Trinidad and Tobago to promote and encourage the development of all forms of dance and the role of dancers in Trinidad and Tobago;

- (l) to write or produce and to print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents which edify the body of dancers and promote the aims and objects of the Association;
- (m) to become affiliated to any organization (whether in Trinidad and Tobago or elsewhere) having as its object or one of its objects the promotion of dance and to acquire and undertake all or any part of the assets, liabilities and engagements of any such organization which the Association may lawfully acquire;
- (n) to establish a trust fund and to provide and recommend scholarships and other forms of assistance to members;
- (o) to do all or any such acts and things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims and objects of the Association.

Powers of the
Association

4. The Association shall have power—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) to rent, sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title thereto;

- (d) to borrow and to mortgage, charge and create any lien on the acquired property of the Association;
- (e) to invest the monies of the Association in both short term and long term arrangements which will further the attainment of the aims and objects of the Association.

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Association is hereby transferred to and vested in the Association. Transfer and vesting of property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with the common seal of the Association in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity or absence from the territory, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Association) who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association. Mode of execution of documents

7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be. Service of documents

(2) Every document to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to make rules

8. The Association may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions.

Savings of State
and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any person, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 7th day of August, 1997.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of August, 1997.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House