

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
 Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047
2014
 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/14, and ending 06/30/15

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **SEATTLE OPERA**
 Doing business as: _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **1020 JOHN ST**
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **SEATTLE WA 98109**

D Employer identification number: **91-0760426**
E Telephone number: **206-389-7600**
G Gross receipts: **26,966,700**

F Name and address of principal officer:
JOHN F. NESHOLM
1020 JOHN ST
SEATTLE WA 98109

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () t (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **WWW.SEATTLEOPERA.ORG** **H(c)** Group exemption number **u**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **u** **L** Year of formation: **1963** **M** State of legal domicile: **WA**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
Revenue	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	55
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	55
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	648
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	261
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	20,372
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
	Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		13,982,577	18,855,376
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		12,465,089	6,395,813
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		164,664	161,463
12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		469,840	197,196
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		27,082,170	25,609,848
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)			0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		15,452,614	12,812,543
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u 2,212,140			0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	12,446,309	8,804,982
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	27,898,923	21,617,525
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-816,753	3,992,323
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	24,415,148	29,389,781
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	10,360,671	11,850,326	
	14,054,477	17,539,455	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: **RICHARD JOHNSON** Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: _____ Preparer's signature: _____ Date: **05/12/16** Check if PTIN self-employed
 Firm's name: _____ Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: _____ Phone no.: _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 14,944,365 including grants of\$) (Revenue \$ 6,284,893)

DURING THE 2014/15 SEASON, SEATTLE OPERA CONTINUED INCREASING OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH MAINSTAGE OPERA PERFORMANCES. A TOTAL OF 69,806 PEOPLE ATTENDED 30 PERFORMANCES AT MCCAW HALL. PLUS, AN ESTIMATED 774,000 LISTENERS TUNED IN TO LIVE PREVIEW AND PERFORMANCE BROADCASTS ON CLASSICAL KING FM 98.1 AND THROUGH ITS ONLINE SEATTLE OPERA CHANNEL. THE BRAVO! CLUB FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ENGAGED 562 PEOPLE IN 2014/15 AND 128 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE WAGNER-ENTHUSIAST GROUP, WAGNER AND MORE.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 572,093 including grants of\$) (Revenue \$ 110,920)

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS LED BY SEATTLE OPERA SERVED NEARLY 15,000 ADULTS AND FAMILIES, PARTICIPATING IN LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES THAT FOSTERED COMMUNITY-BUILDING AND DEEPENED PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE ARTS AND OPERA. OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS SERVED AN ADDITIONAL 60,000 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WITH STATE-WIDE PROGRAMS THAT EXPANDED EQUITY AND ACCESS TO LEARNING IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES, SCIENCE, LANGUAGES, AND OTHER SUBJECTS. RADIO AND ONLINE BROADCASTS THAT HOSTED RECORDED AND LIVE OPERA PROGRAMMING REACHED OVER 470,000 LISTENERS OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

THE COMPANY IS IN THE MIDST OF A \$60 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SEATTLE OPERA AT THE CENTER, A CIVIC PROJECT THAT WILL CONSTRUCT A NEW BUILDING ADJACENT TO MCCAW HALL AT THE SEATTLE CENTER. THIS NEW HOME WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, REHEARSALS, COSTUME CONSTRUCTION AND STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. THE PROJECT SCHEDULE ANTICIPATES COMPLETION BY NOVEMBER OF 2018, WHEN THE LEASE FOR THE COMPANY'S CURRENT FACILITY EXPIRES.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 9,557 including grants of\$) (Revenue \$ 23,400)

4e Total program service expenses u 15,526,015

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	X	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	X	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	X	
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: u See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	55		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	55		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		X
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **u WA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **u**

RICHARD JOHNSON **1020 JOHN ST,**
SEATTLE **WA 98109** **206-389-7600**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN NESHOLM CHAIRMAN	10.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) MARYANNE TAGNEY PRESIDENT	10.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) JONATHAN CAVES SECRETARY	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) GARY HOULAHAN TREASURER	10.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) THOMAS H ALLEN VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) BRENDA BRUNS VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(7) STEVEN A CLIFFORD VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(8) ROBERT COMFORT VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(9) JAMES D CULLEN VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 3.00	X		X				0	0	0
(10) ROBERT FRIES VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(11) DIANA GALE VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) RICHARD GEMPERLE	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(13) RON HOSOGI	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(14) KELLY JO MACARTHUR	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(15) BRIAN J MARKS	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(16) BRUCE R MCCA	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(17) LOUISE MILLER	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(18) STEVEN C PHELPS	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(19) JAMES DAVID RAISBECK	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							1,715,978		601,824	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							1,715,978		601,824	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **19**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

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SMG D/B/A SAVOR...MCCA HALL SEATTLE WA 98109	305 HARRISON ST. CATERING	280,884
HEARTLAND SEATTLE WA 98101	1301 FIRST AVE STE 200 RE ADVISORY SVC	101,328
NICOLAS LEFEBVRE CAVALLIER PARIS 75017 FR 75017	45 AV DES TERNES SINGER	100,538

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(12) JONATHAN ROSOFF	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(13) STEPHEN A SPRENGER	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(14) JOHN SULLIVAN	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(15) WILLIAM WEYERHAEUSER	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(16) WILLIE C AIKENS	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(17) RICHARD R ALBRECHT	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(18) KIM ANDERSON	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(19) TOBY BRIGHT	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) GREGORY CHAN TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) JANICE C CONDIT TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) CHARLES COSSÉ TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) SUSAN MACGREGOR COUGHLIN TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) SUSAN E DETWEILER TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) CAROLYN EAGAN TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) PAUL GOODRICH TRUSTEE	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(19) JEFFREY D HANNA TRUSTEE	2.00 5.00	X						0	0	0
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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(12) JIM HODGE	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) KENNAN H HOLLINGSWORTH	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) MARY JUSTICE	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(15) LILY LAMOTTE	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(16) JAY LAPIN	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(17) THOMAS A LEMLY	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(18) LAURA LUNDGREN	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(19) THOMAS L MCQUAID JR	2.00									
..... TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) JAMES MELHORN	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) ROSEMARY PETERSON	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) TOM PUENTES	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(15) MATTHEW SEGAL	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(16) JOHN STARBARD	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(17) RUSSELL TOUSLEY	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(18) JIM UHLIR	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(19) MOYA VAZQUEZ	2.00									
TRUSTEE	2.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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(12) SUSANNE WAKEFIELD	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) JOAN S WATJEN	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) JUDITH A WHETZEL	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(15) SCOTT W WYATT	2.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(16) BILL GERBERDING	2.00									
TRUSTEE THROUGH 7-15	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(17) LILY LAMOTTE	2.00									
TRUSTEE THROUGH 9-9	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(18) DANA JOHNSON	2.00									
TRUSTEE THROUGH 9-9	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(19) MARTI MCCALED	2.00									
TRUSTEE THROUGH 9-9	0.00	X					0	0	0	
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

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(12) PEGGY O'BRIEN MURPHY TRUSTEE THROUGH 9-9	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) SPEIGHT JENKINS GENERAL DIR (PART-YR	60.00 0.00			X				375,725	0	463,226
(14) AIDAN LANG GENERAL DIR (PART-YR	60.00 0.00			X				250,971	0	7,042
(15) KELLY H TWEEDDALE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	70.00 0.00			X				203,886	0	22,500
(16) RICHARD A JOHNSON CFO	50.00 0.00			X				178,228	0	20,167
(17) LISA A BURY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	60.00 0.00				X			164,300	0	19,189
(18) ALVIN A HENRY MARKETING DIRECTOR	50.00 0.00				X			163,825	0	19,161
(19) ROBERT D SCHAUB TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	60.00 0.00					X		134,078	0	17,357
1b Sub-total							u	1,471,013		568,642
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							u			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							u			

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(12) VINCENT FERAUDO PRODUCTION DIRECTOR	60.00 0.00					X		123,683	0	16,758
(13) CHARLES T BUCK MASTER CARPENTER	44.00 0.00					X		121,282	0	16,424
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
1b Sub-total						u		244,965		33,182
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A						u				
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						u				

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a 236,212					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c 1,367,200					
	d Related organizations	1d 2,066,000					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 263,503					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 14,922,461					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	730,484					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u	18,855,376				
Program Service Revenue	2a OPERA TICKET SALES	Busn. Code 711190	5,760,822	5,760,822			
	b OTHER INCOME	711190	634,991	634,991			
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u	6,395,813				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	159,180			159,180	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u					
	5 Royalties	u					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	373,935				
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental exps.	26,308				
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	347,627					
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u	347,627			347,627	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	927,983				
		(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.	925,700				
		c Gain or (loss)	2,283				
	d Net gain or (loss)	u	2,283			2,283	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$1,367,200 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	210,618				
		b Less: direct expenses	404,844				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		u	-194,226			-194,226	
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code					
11a SONG&DANCE EXEMPT REVENUE			23,423	23,423			
b SONG&DANCE UNRELATED REVENUE		711110	20,372		20,372		
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u		43,795				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	u		25,609,848	6,419,236	20,372	314,864	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,874,531	1,140,105	545,036	189,390
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	8,623,890	6,297,656	1,361,235	964,999
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	542,639	405,455	91,404	45,780
9 Other employee benefits	720,416	280,489	278,569	161,358
10 Payroll taxes	1,051,067	734,066	198,509	118,492
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	6,672		6,672	
c Accounting	43,303		43,303	
d Lobbying	58,000		58,000	
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 7				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	3,406,774	2,942,204	236,911	227,659
12 Advertising and promotion	518,661	518,511	140	10
13 Office expenses	325,130	176,911	91,187	57,032
14 Information technology	189,343	539	173,024	15,780
15 Royalties	14,781	14,781		
16 Occupancy	2,194,414	1,684,745	459,993	49,676
17 Travel	477,668	347,508	33,725	96,435
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	35,778	7,759	11,020	16,999
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	109,071	27,327	81,744	
23 Insurance	95,995		95,995	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PRINTING	348,851	222,205	10,609	116,037
b SET & COSTUME MATERIALS	320,112	320,112		
c TRUCKING SHIPPING POSTAGE	251,696	170,422	20,566	60,708
d CREDIT CARD TRAN FEES	220,994	148,713	4,134	68,147
e All other expenses	187,739	86,507	77,594	23,638
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	21,617,525	15,526,015	3,879,370	2,212,140
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	4,203,116	1	3,875,753
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	4,003,884	2	3,660,782
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	5,380,186	3	8,369,591
	4 Accounts receivable, net	85,369	4	397,534
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	48,733	8	118,729
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	600,429	9	954,402
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 10,621,635		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 4,552,308	5,124,789	10c 6,069,327
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	41,127	11	61,854
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	4,927,515	15	5,881,809
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	24,415,148	16	29,389,781	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,114,373	17	2,685,041
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	6,204,684	19	6,215,460
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	2,041,614	25	2,949,825
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	10,360,671	26	11,850,326
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	6,110,292	27	4,703,070
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	4,279,136	28	9,312,658
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	3,665,049	29	3,523,727
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	14,054,477	33	17,539,455	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	24,415,148	34	29,389,781	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	25,609,848
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	21,617,525
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,992,323
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	14,054,477
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-507,345
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	17,539,455

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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u **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
u Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

SEATTLE OPERA

Employer identification number

91-0760426

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	14,187,956	13,487,581	11,426,193	13,982,577	18,855,376	71,939,683
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	8,488,395	9,264,976	8,058,089	12,635,936	6,419,236	44,866,632
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	22,676,351	22,752,557	19,484,282	26,618,513	25,274,612	116,806,315
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	2,653,451	1,645,434	5,746,573	4,325,585	275,440	14,646,483
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	164,100		226,607	486,936	4,712,300	5,589,943
c Add lines 7a and 7b	2,817,551	1,645,434	5,973,180	4,812,521	4,987,740	20,236,426
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						96,569,889

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) u	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	22,676,351	22,752,557	19,484,282	26,618,513	25,274,612	116,806,315
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	413,618	440,286	465,397	484,212	533,115	2,336,628
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975				3,668	20,372	24,040
c Add lines 10a and 10b	413,618	440,286	465,397	487,880	553,487	2,360,668
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	23,089,969	23,192,843	19,949,679	27,106,393	25,828,099	119,166,983
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	81.04 %
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	79.90 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations; (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations; or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer (b) below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI .		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI .		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
a			
b			
c			
d			
e From 2013			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c			
d Excess from 2013 . . .			
e Excess from 2014 . . .			

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

2014

u Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

u Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

SEATTLE OPERA

91-0760426

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2014)

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2014

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **SEATTLE OPERA** Employer identification number **91-0760426**

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures **u \$**
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 **u \$**
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 **u \$**
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities **u \$**
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities **u \$**
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b **u \$**
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		0													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		58,000													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		58,000													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		19,347,385													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		19,405,385													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		1,000,000													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	918,285	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,918,285
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					5,877,428
c Total lobbying expenditures			24,000	58,000	82,000
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	229,571	250,000	250,000	979,571
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,469,357
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				0	

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE C, PART II-A, EXPLANATION OF FOUR YEAR AVERAGING

SEATTLE OPERA PREVIOUSLY FILED FORM 5768 IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR THE 501(H) ELECTION. LOBBYING ACTIVITY REPORTED WAS TO SOLICIT GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR THE SEATTLE OPERA AT THE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? (Yes/No), 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? (Yes/No)

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. (2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year u, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located u, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? (Yes/No), 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? (Yes/No), 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 u \$, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 u \$, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII Yes No

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	26,653,242	23,119,161	21,863,347	23,203,392	20,230,376
b Contributions	873,775	1,750,824	895,272	335,087	605,899
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	321,125	3,716,508	2,122,117	105,338	3,958,919
d Grants or scholarships	2,066,000	1,848,000	1,751,500	1,755,000	1,554,000
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	9,917	85,251	10,075	25,470	37,802
g End of year balance	25,772,225	26,653,242	23,119,161	21,863,347	23,203,392

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** 10.00 %
 - b** Permanent endowment **u** 77.00 %
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u** 13.00 %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|----------|----------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | X |
| (ii) related organizations | X | |
- b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No
- 3b** Yes No
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		3,204,242		3,204,242
b Buildings		811,280	794,104	17,176
c Leasehold improvements		2,084,704	2,005,910	78,794
d Equipment		2,095,160	1,752,294	342,866
e Other		2,426,249		2,426,249
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) u				6,069,327

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) u		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) u		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST	3,411,384
(2) PROPERTY HELD IN LIFE ESTATE	1,306,171
(3) CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY TRUST	645,705
(4) CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE FROM TRUSTS	473,337
(5) OTHER ASSETS	45,212
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) u	5,881,809

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED PENSION LIABILITY	1,956,292
(3) ACCRUED ANNUITIES PAYABLE	830,066
(4) DEFERRED FACILITY FEE	163,467
(5) DEFERRED OTHER LIABILITY	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) u	2,949,825

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS

SEATTLE OPERA FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 TO HOLD, MANAGE, AND INVEST AN ENDOWMENT THAT EXCLUSIVELY BENEFITS SEATTLE OPERA. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT ARE CONSIDERED PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED BY THE DONOR. THE ENDOWMENT INCLUDES PURPOSE-RESTRICTED FUNDS BASED ON DONOR INTENT. UNDER A SPENDING POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD, INCOME FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THESE FUNDS SUPPORTS EITHER THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OF SEATTLE OPERA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DONOR STIPULATIONS.

PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) HAS DETERMINED THAT SEATTLE OPERA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE SECTION 501(C)3 EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF UNRELATED BUSINESS TAXABLE INCOME AS DEFINED UNDER IRC SECTION 511 THROUGH 515.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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U Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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U Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

SEATTLE OPERA

Employer identification number

91-0760426

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
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10							
Total							

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		SPEIGHT CELEBRA (event type)	OPERA BALL (event type)	NONE (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	1,526,804	51,014	1,577,818
	2	Less: Contributions	1,329,721	37,479	1,367,200
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	197,083	13,535	210,618
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs	57,756	3,672	61,428
	7	Food and beverages	141,227	17,200	158,427
	8	Entertainment	20,426	900	21,326
	9	Other direct expenses	155,568	8,095	163,663
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-194,226

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No %
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name **u**

Address **u**

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization **u\$** and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party **u\$**
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name **u**

Address **u**

16 Gaming manager information:

Name **u**

Gaming manager compensation **u\$**

Description of services provided **u**

- Director/officer
 Employee
 Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year **u\$**

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

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SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information
For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		X
2	X	
4a		X
4b	X	
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 SPEIGHT JENKINS GENERAL DIR (PART-YR)	(i)	195,100	0	180,625	456,300	6,926	838,951	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 AIDAN LANG GENERAL DIR (PART-YR)	(i)	243,444	0	7,527	0	7,042	258,013	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 KELLY H TWEEDDALE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	203,886	0	0	13,149	9,351	226,386	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 RICHARD A JOHNSON CFO	(i)	178,228	0	0	10,815	9,352	198,395	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 LISA A BURY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	(i)	164,300	0	0	9,838	9,351	183,489	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 ALVIN A HENRY MARKETING DIRECTOR	(i)	163,825	0	0	9,810	9,351	182,986	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 ROBERT D SCHAUB TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	(i)	134,078	0	0	8,006	9,351	151,435	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	(i)							
	(ii)							
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
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12	(i)							
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13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A - FRINGE OR EXPENSE EXPLANATION

A SPECIAL TAX GROSS UP PAYMENT WAS PAID TO THE RETIRING GENERAL DIRECTOR TO OFFSET THE ESTIMATED TAXES ON THE IMPUTABLE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER A NEW PENSION AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO IRC SECTION 457 (F).

PART I, LINE 1B - WRITTEN REIMBURSEMENT POLICY EXPLANATION

THE BOARD APPROVED A ONE-TIME SPECIAL TAX GROSS UP PAYMENT WAS PAID TO THE RETIRING GENERAL DIRECTOR TO OFFSET THE ESTIMATED TAXES ON THE IMPUTABLE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER A NEW PENSION AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO IRC SECTION 457(F).

PART III - OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PART I, LN 4B - IN SEPTEMBER OF 2014, THE OPERA ESTABLISHED A NONQUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN UNDER SECTION 457(F) FOR ITS RETIRING GENERAL DIRECTOR AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. COSTS OF THE PLAN WERE SUBSTANTIALLY OFFSET BY UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERA.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

Noncash Contributions

u Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded	X	36	681,145	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other u (PIANOS)	X	2	27,000	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other u (VARIOUS GOODS)	X	3	22,339	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other u (.....				
28 Other u (.....				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?	X	
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 32B - THIRD PARTY USED TO PROCESS NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS
COSSE INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES RECEIVES AND SELLS ALL DONATIONS OF
MARKETABLE SECURITIES THAT ARE GIVEN TO SEATTLE OPERA. COSSE WAIVES
COMMISSION CHARGES ON SUCH SALES. SEATTLE OPERA RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF
THESE WAIVED COMMISSION CHARGES AS DONATED SERVICE REVENUE AND EXPENSE ON
ITS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015,
DONATED COMMISSION CHARGES TOTALED \$18,267.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

u Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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91-0760426**FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION**

SEATTLE OPERA STRIVES TO PRODUCE MUSICALLY EXTRAORDINARY, THEATRICALY COMPELLING OPERAS, EMPLOYING UNIFORMLY HIGH QUALITY CASTS, DRAMATICALLY AWARE CONDUCTORS, AND INNOVATIVE YET TEXTUALLY CONCERNED DIRECTORS AND DESIGNERS. BY CONTINUING OUR EMPHASIS ON THE WORK OF RICHARD WAGNER AND BY ACHIEVING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE QUALITY OF ALL OUR PROGRAMMING, SEATTLE OPERA COMMITS ITSELF TO ADVANCING THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST THROUGH EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT

SUPPORT OF SONG AND DANCE LLC, DBA AMUSEMENTS, A GIFT SHOP AT MCCAW HALL WHICH SELLS SEATTLE OPERA-RELATED MERCHANDISE TO OPERA PATRONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990

A PDF OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COPY OF THE 990, EXCLUDING SCHEDULE B CONTRIBUTORS, AND SUPPORTING SCHEDULES WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF THE RETURN BY SEATTLE OPERA STAFF AND REVIEW BY A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM AND MANAGEMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY

EACH YEAR, SEATTLE OPERA BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE AND SIGN AN ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT. REPORTED CONFLICTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE, WHICH ADDRESSES THE IDENTIFIED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AS APPROPRIATE. BOARD MEMBERS WITH ANY PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECUSE

Name of the organization

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THEMSELVES FROM VOTING ON RELATED SUBJECTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL THE GENERAL DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, WHICH CONSISTS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE'S MEETING DATE AND DETERMINATION ARE DOCUMENTED IN A LETTER WHICH IS SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND KEPT ON FILE IN HUMAN RESOURCES. ADDITIONALLY, THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IS REFLECTED IN THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE GENERAL DIRECTOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION SEATTLE OPERA'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. SEATTLE OPERA'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEB SITE.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G - OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES

DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM SERVICE	MGT & GENERAL	FUNDRAISING
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ARTIST FEES

\$ 2,407,996	\$ 0	\$ 500
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OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$ 182,599	\$ 234,026	\$ 0
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THEATER OPERATIONS

\$ 322,274	\$ 0	\$ 2,970
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CATERING

\$ 29,335	\$ 2,885	\$ 224,189
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Name of the organization

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS EXPLANATION

CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS	\$ -154,381
PARTNERSHIP BOOK/TAX DIFFERENCE	\$ 232
CHANGE IN VALUE OF PENSION	\$ -353,196

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) SEATTLE OPERA FOUNDATION 1020 JOHN STREET 91-1174712 SEATTLE WA 98109	SUPPORT	WA	501C3	11A	SEATTLE OP	X	
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)SONG AND DANCE LLC 321 MERCER ST SEATTLE WA 98109 71-0903362	RETAIL	WA	N/A	RELATED	44,075	115,229		X	20,372	X		50.00
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1)CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS (3)									X
(2)CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST (1)									X
(3)PROPERTY HELD IN LIFE ESTATE (1)									X
(4)									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	X	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	X	
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		X
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		X
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	X	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	X	

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) SEATTLE OPERA FOUNDATION	C	2,066,000	FMV
(2) SONG AND DANCE LLC	S	143,000	FMV
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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