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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008** and ending **JUN 30, 2009**

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|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions | C Name of organization EXPLORING THE ARTS, INC. | | D Employer identification number 13-4069251 | |
| | | Doing Business As | | E Telephone number (646) 747-0752 | |
| | | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | G Gross receipts \$ 1,801,297. | |
| | | 50 WEST 23RD STREET | 702 | H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) | |
| City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 NEW YORK, NY 10010 | | F Name and address of principal officer: CHERI WALSH SAME AS C ABOVE | | H(c) Group exemption number ▶ | |
| I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 | | | | | |
| J Website: ▶ WWW.EXPLORINGTHEARTS.ORG | | | | | |
| K Type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ | | | L Year of formation: 2000 | M State of legal domicile: NY | |

Part I Summary

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: FOUNDED IN 1999 BY TONY BENNETT AND SUSAN BENEDETTO, EXPLORING THE ARTS (ETA) IS A NON-PROFIT | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets. | | |
| | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 7 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 7 |
| | 5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 2 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 0 |
| | 7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) | 7a | 0. |
| b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | 0. | |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year | Current Year |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 241,428. | 1,706,196. |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 2,819. | 2,176. |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 87,075. | <145,886.> |
| | 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 331,322. | 1,562,486. |
| | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | 109,457. |
| Expenses | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 69,448. | 166,124. |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 49,026. |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 120,194. | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) | 193,745. | 989,051. |
| | 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 263,193. | 1,313,658. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 68,129. | 248,828. |
| | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Year | End of Year |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 1,827,798. | 2,078,631. |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 28,348. | 37,000. |
| | | 1,799,450. | 2,041,631. |

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

Cheri Walsh
Signature of officer

14/1/2010
Date

CHERI WALSH
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ *Hape Goldstein*
Date **3/5/10**
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4
MARKS PANETH & SHRON LLP
622 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Date **3/5/10**

Check if self-employed

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

EIN ▶
Phone no. ▶ **212 503-8800**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

Yes No

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION
FOUNDED IN 1999 BY TONY BENNETT AND SUSAN BENEDETTO, EXPLORING THE
ARTS (ETA) IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO STRENGTHEN
THE ROLE OF THE ARTS IN AMERICAN EDUCATION BY RETURNING ARTS-ENRICHED
PROGRAMMING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ETA'S BIGGEST ENDEAVOR TO DATE IS THE
- 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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses.
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and
allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 455,624. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ -)
EXPLORING THE ARTS, INC. IS A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO CREATING, PROMOTING, AND SUPPORTING ARTS EDUCATION. ETA
IS PART OF THE GROWING MOVEMENT TO CONNECT FUNDERS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS
A WAY TO ACHIEVE GREATER EQUALITY OF RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR
YOUTH OF ALL MEANS AND BACKGROUNDS. ETA CHAMPIONS ARTS EDUCATION
PROGRAMS THAT HELP YOUNG ARTISTS EMBRACE TRUE CRAFT OVER THE CULT OF
FAME THAT PERVADES OUR CULTURE. IN ADDITION TO THIS FOCUS ON CRAFT,
ETA IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT NOURISH THE
GROWTH OF STUDENTS IN CRITICALLY THINKING, SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS ARTISTS.
TONY BENNETT AND SUSAN BENEDETTO FOUNDED ETA IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE BACK
TO THE COMMUNITY, SO IN KEEPING WITH SUSAN AND TONY'S VISION, ETA WANTS
TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT INSTILL IN YOUNG ARTISTS A DEEPLY ROOTED SENSE

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 650,000. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
FRANK SINATRA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS(FSSA) NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION -
THROUGH THE MOU WITH THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORITY(SCA), ETA RAISES FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
FSSA. DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 ETA PAID TO THE SCA \$650,000
FOR THE FSSA. AS OF JUNE 30, 2009, ETA RAISED THE TOTAL COMMITMENT OF
\$4,250,000 AND HAS RELEASED TO THE SCA, \$4,055,000, WITH A FINAL
PAYMENT OF \$195,000 ANTICIPATED TO BE PAID BY A CERTAIN GOVERNMENT
AGENCY DIRECTLY TO SCA.

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

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,105,624. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | X | |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? | X | |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | | X |
| 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | X |
| 5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | | |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> | | X |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> | | X |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | X | |
| 11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> | X | |
| 12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> | X | |
| 13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | X |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.? | | X |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> | | X |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i> | | X |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> | | X |
| 17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> | X | |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | X | |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | X |
| 20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | X |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | X | |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | X | |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | | 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? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i> | | 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) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| 26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | X |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee: | | |
| a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | X |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | X |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> | | X |
| 35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | X |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | X |

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body | | |
| 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent | | |
| 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 organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | X |
| 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? | | X |
| 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? | | X |
| 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? | | X |
| 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? | | X |
| 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | |
| a The governing body? | X | |
| b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | X | |
| 9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | X |
| b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? | | |
| 10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 | X | |
| 11 Is there any officer, director or 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

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | X | |
| b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | X | |
| c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done | X | |
| 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | X | |
| 14 Does 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: | | |
| a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? | X | |
| b Other officers or key employees of the organization? 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 |
| b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 **▶ NY**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **▶**
CHERI WALSH - 1-646-747-0752
50 WEST 23RD STREET, SUITE 702, NEW YORK, NY 10010

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week | (C) Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (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 | | | |
| SUSAN BENEDETTO PRESIDENT & FOUNDER | 20.00 | X | | X | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| TONY BENNETT FOUNDER | 1.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| GEORGE KAUFMAN DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| IRIS CANTOR DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| JOHN DESIDERIO DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| HOONG YEE LEE KRAKAUER SECRETARY | 1.00 | X | | X | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| TED SARANDOS TREASURER | 1.00 | X | | X | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| CHERI WALSH INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECT | 40.00 | | | X | | | 80,000. | 0. | 30. | |
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| Part VIII Statement of Revenue | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514 | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts | 1 a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | 1387228. | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 318,968. | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 1,706,196. | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | Business Code | | | | | |
| | 2 a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 2,176. | | 2,176. | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | |
| | 6 a Gross Rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | b Less: rental expenses | | | | |
| | | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1387228. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | 92,925. | | | |
| | | b Less: direct expenses | b | 238,811. | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | <145,886.> | <145,886.> | | |
| 9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | |
| 10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
| 11 a | | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| 12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e | | | 1,562,486. | <145,886.> | 0. | |
| | | | | | 2,176. | |

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

| 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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 | 22,203. | 22,203. | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 | 87,254. | 87,254. | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 96,000. | 74,880. | 10,560. | 10,560. |
| 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 | 50,000. | 39,000. | 5,500. | 5,500. |
| 8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 20,124. | 15,696. | 2,214. | 2,214. |
| 10 Payroll taxes | | | | |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | 13,557. | 6,643. | 5,694. | 1,220. |
| c Accounting | 44,600. | 9,604. | 33,232. | 1,764. |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | 49,026. | | | 49,026. |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other | 160,686. | 149,656. | 5,643. | 5,387. |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 17,417. | 10,276. | 1,916. | 5,225. |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 42,000. | 24,780. | 4,620. | 12,600. |
| 17 Travel | 106. | 52. | 34. | 20. |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | 2,772. | 1,358. | 887. | 527. |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.) | | | | |
| a SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COS | 650,000. | 650,000. | | |
| b POSTAGE | 23,560. | | | 23,560. |
| c DONATIONS | 15,175. | | 15,175. | |
| d PROG. EXP. - OTHER | 10,250. | 10,250. | | |
| e MISCELLANEOUS | 3,852. | 1,582. | 1,033. | 1,237. |
| f All other expenses | 5,076. | 2,390. | 1,332. | 1,354. |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 1,313,658. | 1,105,624. | 87,840. | 120,194. |
| 26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Assets | 1 | Cash - non-interest-bearing | 350,939. | 1 | 861,198. |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | 294,606. | 2 | 296,529. |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | 1,090,171. | 3 | 812,181. |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 58,693. | 9 | 81,727. |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis | | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | | 10c | |
| | 11 | Investments - publicly traded securities | 30,389. | 11 | 23,996. |
| | 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 | 3,000. | 15 | 3,000. |
| 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 1,827,798. | 16 | 2,078,631. | |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 22,923. | 17 | 25,000. |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | 5,425. | 19 | 12,000. |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 | 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 | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 28,348. | 26 | 37,000. | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | 532,236. | 27 | 1,034,023. |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | 1,267,214. | 28 | 1,007,608. |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, 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 | 1,799,450. | 33 | 2,041,631. | |
| 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 1,827,798. | 34 | 2,078,631. | |

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |
| 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | | X |
| b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | X | |
| c If "Yes" to lines 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? | 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 |
| b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? | | |

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.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 443,756. | 2310298. | 2585096. | 241,428. | 1438817. | 7019395. |
| 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 - 3 | 443,756. | 2310298. | 2585096. | 241,428. | 1438817. | 7019395. |
| 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) | | | | | | 359,042. |
| 6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | 6660353. |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 443,756. | 2310298. | 2585096. | 241,428. | 1438817. | 7019395. |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 1,203. | 8,823. | 13,503. | 2,819. | 2,176. | 28,524. |
| 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 IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 7047919. |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 41,070. |
| 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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 94.50 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f | 15 | 99.75 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. 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 - 2008. 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 IV 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 - 2007. 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 IV 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.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| 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 - 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 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 IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12) | | | | | | |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | | |
|--|-----------|--|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g | 16 | | % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | | |
|---|-----------|--|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h | 18 | | % |

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. 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 - 2007. 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

Schedule D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Name of the organization **EXPLORING THE ARTS, INC.** Employer identification number **13-4069251**

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.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate 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? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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

- Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

| | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space | |
- Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | Held at the End of the Year |
|--|-----------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 | 2d |
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No
- Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____
- 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
- In Part XIV, 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.

- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
 - If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 | ▶ \$ _____ |
| (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X | ▶ \$ _____ |
- 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 relating to these items:

| | |
|--|------------|
| a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | ▶ \$ _____ |
| b Assets included in Form 990, Part X | ▶ \$ _____ |

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

3 Using the organization's 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 XIV.

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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if 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 XIV and complete the following table:

| | Amount |
|----|--------|
| 1c | |
| 1d | |
| 1e | |
| 1f | |

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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 | 30,389. | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Investment earnings or losses | <6,393.> | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | 23,996. | | | | |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
- c Term endowment ▶ 100.00 %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

| | Yes | No |
|--------|-----|----|
| 3a(i) | | X |
| 3a(ii) | | X |
| 3b | | |

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of investment | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | | | |

Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶ 0.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. 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 |
|---|----------------|--|
| Financial derivatives and other financial products | | |
| Closely-held equity interests | | |
| Other | | |
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| | | |
| Total. (Col (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶ | | |

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|----------------|--|
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| | | |
| Total. (Col (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ▶ | | |

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|--|----------------|
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| | |
| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ▶ | |

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| (a) Description of liability | (b) Amount |
|--|------------|
| Federal income taxes | |
| | |
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| | |
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| | |
| | |
| | |
| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ▶ | |

In Part XIV, 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

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

| | | | |
|----|--|----|------------|
| 1 | Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 1,562,486. |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 1,313,658. |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 248,828. |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 4 | <6,647.> |
| 5 | Donated services and use of facilities | 5 | |
| 6 | Investment expenses | 6 | |
| 7 | Prior period adjustments | 7 | |
| 8 | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 8 | |
| 9 | Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8 | 9 | <6,647.> |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9 | 10 | 242,181. |

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

| | | | |
|---|--|----|------------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 1 | 1,555,839. |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | <6,647.> |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | <6,647.> |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 1,562,486. |
| 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 XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 0. |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12) | 5 | 1,562,486. |

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

| | | | |
|---|--|----|------------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 1 | 1,313,658. |
| 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 | Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 0. |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 1,313,658. |
| 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 XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 0. |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | 5 | 1,313,658. |

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

| | | (a) Event #1 | (b) Event #2 | (c) Other Events | (d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col. (c)) |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------|------------------------|---|
| | | NY GALA (event type) | (event type) | NONE (total number) | |
| Revenue | 1 | Gross receipts | 1,480,153. | | 1,480,153. |
| | 2 | Less. Charitable contributions | 1,387,228. | | 1,387,228. |
| | 3 | Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2) | 92,925. | | 92,925. |
| Direct Expenses | 4 | Cash prizes | | | |
| | 5 | Non-cash prizes | | | |
| | 6 | Rent/facility costs | | | |
| | 7 | Other direct expenses | 238,811. | | 238,811. |
| | 8 | Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) | | | (238,811.) |
| | 9 | Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) | | | <145,886.> |

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 | Non-cash 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. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) | | | | |

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____ | | |
| a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? .. | | |
| b If "No," Explain: _____ | | |
| 10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? .. | | |
| b If "Yes," Explain: _____ | | |
| 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? | | |
| 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entry formed to administer charitable gaming? | | |

| | | Yes | No | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----|----|------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in: <table border="1" style="float:right; margin-left:20px;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%;">13a</td> <td style="width:10%;"></td> <td style="width:10%;">%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13b</td> <td></td> <td>%</td> </tr> </table> | 13a | | % | 13b | | % | | | |
| 13a | | % | | | | | | | |
| 13b | | % | | | | | | | |
| 14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records: Name ▶ _____ Address ▶ _____ | | | | | | | | | |
| 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? | 15a | | | | | | | | |
| b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____ | | | | | | | | | |
| c If "Yes," enter name and address: Name ▶ _____ Address ▶ _____ | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 Gaming manager information: Name ▶ _____ Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____ Description of services provided ▶ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> 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? | 17a | | | | | | | | |
| b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____ | | | | | | | | | |

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the U.S.**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I **General Information on Grants and Assistance**
EXPLORING THE ARTS, INC.

Employer identification number
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Yes No

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed

| 1 (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| THE GIBSON FOUNDATION/MUSIC RISING 309 PLUS PARK BLVD NASHVILLE, TN 37217 | 20-0832563 | 501(C)(3) | 10,000. | 0. | | | GRANT TO PURCHASE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR A NEEDY SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS. |
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

| (a) Type of grant or assistance | (b) Number of recipients | (c) Amount of cash grant | (d) Amount of non-cash assistance | (e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (f) Description of non-cash assistance |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS. | 22 | 87,250. | 0. | | |
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Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: WHEN ISSUING SCHOLARSHIPS, ETA DEVELOPS AND DISSEMINATES AN APPLICATION THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR ONE-TIME COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ATTEND SUMMER ARTS CONSERVATORIES. IN ADDITION, TEACHERS MAY APPLY FOR SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THE ETA STAFF AND BOARD PRESIDENT ARE ULTIMATE DECISION-MAKERS ON ALL SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AWARDED. THE COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IS ISSUED DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THE STUDENT WILL BE ATTENDING. THE ETA STAFF COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY WITH THE INSTITUTION TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS ARE

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE ARTS IN AMERICAN EDUCATION BY RETURNING ARTS-ENRICHED PROGRAMMING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ETA'S BIGGEST ENDEAVOR TO DATE IS THE COMPLETION OF THE FRANK SINATRA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN NYC, FOUNDED BY TONY AND SUSAN. ETA HELPED RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL AND PROVIDES ONGOING PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT. TO THIS END, ETA DEVELOPS PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT FUNDERS, INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A WAY TO ACHEIVE GREATER EQUALITY OF RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH OF ALL MEANS AND BACKGROUNDS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COMPLETION OF THE FRANK SINATRA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN NYC, FOUNDED BY TONY AND SUSAN. ETA HELPED RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL AND PROVIDES ONGOING PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT. TO THIS END, ETA DEVELOPS PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT FUNDERS, INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A WAY TO ACHEIVE GREATER EQUALITY OF RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH OF ALL MEANS AND BACKGROUNDS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OF COMMITMENT TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: TONY BENNETT AND SUSAN BENEDETTO

ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THEN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR FOR EXPLORING THE ARTS IS THAT ALL STAFF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON ONE HAND, AND PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND BUSINESS INTERESTS ON THE OTHER. ETA'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY INCLUDES AVOIDING POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AS WELL AS PERCEPTIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

THE PURPOSES OF THE POLICY ARE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ENABLE OUR FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND CONSTITUENTS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR INTEGRITY AND TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND REPUTATIONS OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES UPON OR BEFORE ELECTION HIRING OR APPOINTMENT PARTICIPANTS WILL MAKE A FULL WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS, RELATIONSHIPS AND HOLDINGS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THIS WRITTEN DISCLOSURE WILL BE KEPT ON FILE AND UPDATED WHEN APPROPRIATE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

IN THE COURSE OF MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DISCLOSE ANY INTERESTS IN A TRANSACTION OR DECISION WHERE HE OR SHE (INCLUDING ANY BUSINESS OR OTHER NONPROFIT AFFILIATIONS), FAMILY AND/OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, EMPLOYER OR CLOSE ASSOCIATES WILL RECEIVE A BENEFIT OR GAIN. AFTER

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DISCLOSURE DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES A PARTICIPANT MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A PARTICULAR DISCUSSION AND SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THAT MATTER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES COMPENSATION FOR ALL STAFF. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEVELOPS AN ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET WITH ANY SALARY CHANGES WHICH ARE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON BY THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C
PROCESS OF OVERSEEING THE AUDIT AND SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT:
THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box **X**
- Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

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| Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed). | | |
| Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions | Name of Exempt Organization EXPLORING THE ARTS, INC. | Employer identification number 13-4069251 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 50 WEST 23RD STREET, NO. 702 | For IRS use only |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. NEW YORK, NY 10010 | |

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- Form 990
 Form 990-EZ
 Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)
 Form 1041-A
 Form 5227
 Form 8870
 Form 990-BL
 Form 990-PF
 Form 990-T (trust other than above)
 Form 4720
 Form 6069

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

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- The books are in the care of **50 WEST 23RD STREET, SUITE 702 - NEW YORK, NY 10010**
Telephone No. **1-646-747-0752** FAX No. **1-212-202-3567**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2010**.
- 5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**.
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension

INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN IS NOT YET AVAILABLE

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| 8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. | 8a | \$ | |
| b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868. | 8b | \$ | |
| c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 8c | \$ | N/A |

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature *Robert R. Lyons* Title **CPA** Date **2/16/10**