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Form 990-EZ

Short Form 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)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jan. 1, 2009, and ending Dec. 31, 2009

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: The Celestial Opera Company. D Employer identification number: 95-4868027. E Telephone number: 626-441-8411. F Group Exemption Number.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify)

I Website: www.celestialoperacompany.org. H Check [] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [] 501(c) () (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Rows include: 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received (55,809.01); 2 Program service revenue; 3 Membership dues; 4 Investment income; 5a-5c Assets sale; 6a-6c Special events; 7a-7c Inventory sales; 8 Other revenue; 9 Total revenue (79,358.48); 10-17 Expenses (Total 78,464.42); 18 Excess or deficit (894.06); 19-21 Net Assets (Total 3,801.06).

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

Table with columns (A) Beginning of year and (B) End of year. Rows include: 22 Cash, savings, and investments (2,907.00 to 3,801.06); 23 Land and buildings; 24 Other assets; 25 Total assets (2,907.00 to 3,801.06); 26 Total liabilities; 27 Net assets or fund balances (2,907.00 to 3,801.06).

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b 0		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. 40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>California</u>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>Judith Townsend</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>626-441-8411</u> Located at ▶ <u>1716 1/2 Bank St., S. Pasadena, CA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>91030</u>		
b	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)?	Yes	No
42b			X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. ▶ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	Yes	No
44			X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	Yes	No
45			X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		<i>N/A</i>

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<i>None</i>				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<i>None</i>		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶ *None*

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

▶ *Judith Townsend* *Treasurer*
Signature of officer Date

▶ *Judith Townsend, Treasurer* *5/10/10*
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ _____ Date _____ Check if self-employed Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ _____ EIN ▶ _____ Phone no ▶ _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3,969.92	10,579.97	13,829.36	22,150.22	25,182.69	75,712.16
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	3,969.92	10,579.97	13,829.36	22,150.22	25,182.69	75,712.16
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)			3,904.80	1,819.94	31,460.32	54,185.06
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.			9,924.56	2,330.28	16,437.84	21,527.10

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3,969.92	10,579.97	13,829.36	22,150.22	25,182.69	75,712.16
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	6,458.00	9,350.85	11,728.94	23,398.78	22,715.49	73,652.04
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						149,364.20
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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	14.5 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	28 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. 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—2008. 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—2009. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. 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 checked="" 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 through 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 \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009.** 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—2008.** 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 Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

The Celestial Opera Company, while having one especially generous donor, maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public and community (all promotional literature, programs, website, etc.)

Our broad base of contributors include the totals for the following tax years:

Year	# Individual Contributors
2004	33
2005	42
2006	47
2007	56
2008	77
2009	89

The Celestial Opera Company has a Board of Directors that continuously cares for providing opera productions and concerts for the general public.

CORRECTED (if checked)

PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, ZIP code, and telephone no COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 502 LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 (213) 974-8411		1 Rents	OMB No 1545-0115 2009 Form 1099-MISC	Miscellaneous Income		
PAYER'S federal identification number 95-6000927		2 Royalties				
RECIPIENT'S identification number 95-4868027		3 Other income	4 Federal income tax withheld		Copy 2 To be filed with recipient's state income tax return, when required.	
RECIPIENT'S name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code CELESTIAL OPERA COMPANY 1716 1/2 BANK ST SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030		5 Fishing boat proceeds	6 Medical and health care payments			
Account number (see instructions)		7 Nonemployee compensation \$2,550.00	8 Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest			
15a Section 409A deferrals	15b Section 409A income	9 Payer made direct sales of \$5,000 or more of consumer products to a buyer (recipient) for resale <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Crop insurance proceeds			
		11	12			
		13 Excess golden parachute payments	14 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney			
		16 State tax withheld	17 State/Payer's state no CA/932-0440-2			18 State income

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