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Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150
2009
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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.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2009, and ending 06-30-2010

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <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 AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC	D Employer identification number 13-3081486
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 138 SOUTH OXFORD STREET	E Telephone number (718) 398-4024
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 BROOKLYN, NY 11217	F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify):

H Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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. **\$ 358,024**

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

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe)		
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)				
6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses				
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				
7b	Less cost of goods sold				
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)				
8	Other revenue (describe)				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8				

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

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	55,707	22 17,460
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe)	49,040	24 36,164
25 Total assets	104,747	25 53,624
26 Total liabilities (describe)	13,840	26 14,254
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	90,907	27 39,370

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)	Expenses	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ENHANCING THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN OPERA	(Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title		
28 DEDICATED TO ENHANCING THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN OPERA THROUGH PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PUBLICATIONS (Grants \$ 269,746) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	269,746

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

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	33		No
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		No
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?	35a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b		
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	36		No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a _____			
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		No
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?	38a		No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b		
39 <i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	0	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	0	
40a <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____			
b <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> 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	40b		No
c <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . <input type="checkbox"/> _____			
d <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations</i> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> _____			
e <i>All organizations.</i> 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		No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> NY _____			
42a The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> CHARLES JARDEN _____ Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (718) 398-4024 138 S OXFORD STREET Located at <input type="checkbox"/> BROOKLYN, NY _____ ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 11217			
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	Yes	No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____	42c		No
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43 _____			
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44	Yes	No
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.	45		No

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		No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
48 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		No
49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		No

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
NONE				

50(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
NONE		

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Please Sign Here

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.

Signature of officer: ***** Date: 2011-05-10

CHARLES JARDEN Executive Director
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: STANLEY STAHL CPA Date: _____ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: BRINSTER & BERGMAN LLP
100 MERRICK RD STE 320E
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 115704883

Preparer's identifying number (See instructions): _____
EIN: _____
Phone no: (516) 766-4800

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC

Employer identification number

13-3081486

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 **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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(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 in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.")						
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)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 (Explain in Part IV.) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) 14

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15

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

b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the 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

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

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

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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.")	521,647	623,745	382,121	270,690	420,690	2,218,893
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	45,482	7,379	13,947	27,121	27,121	121,050
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	567,129	631,124	396,068	297,811	447,811	2,339,943
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	98,000	29,150	52,717	31,655	11,190	222,712
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	27,088					27,088
c Add lines 7a and 7b	125,088	29,150	52,717	31,655	11,190	249,800
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						2,090,143

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	567,129	631,124	396,068	297,811	447,811	2,339,943
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	247	74	81	52	52	506
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	247	74	81	52	52	506
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						2,340,449

14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	89.310 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	78.490 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0.020 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.020 %

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.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

Additional Data**Software ID:****Software Version:****EIN:** 13-3081486**Name:** AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC**Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
JOHN BUSCARELLO 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	BOARD MEMBER 2 00	0		
ANNA RABINOWITZ 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	Vice President 2 00	0		
MARTIN GOLDSTEIN 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	BOARD MEMBER 2 00	0		
DVORIT SAMID 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	BOARD MEMBER 2 00	0		
NORMAN RYAN 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	BOARD MEMBER 2 00	0		
CASSONDRA JOSEPH 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	Treasurer 5 00	0		
ROBERT E LEE III 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	President 40 00	0		
CHARLES JARDEN 138 S OXFORD ST BROOKLYN, NY 11217	Executive Direc 40 00	44,609		

TY 2009 Explanation of Non UBI

Name: AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC

EIN: 13-3081486

Software ID: 09000047

Software Version: 2009v1.7

Explanation: NO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME

TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

Name: AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC

EIN: 13-3081486

Software ID: 09000047

Software Version: 2009v1.7

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
SECURITY DEPOSITS	1,581	2,353
PREPAID EXPENSES	2,295	
Machinery and Equipment	19,064	15,371
Accounts Receivable	26,100	18,440

TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC**EIN:** 13-3081486**Software ID:** 09000047**Software Version:** 2009v1.7

Description	Amount
UTILITIES	1,386
Travel	7,075
TELEPHONE	4,130
RECEPTIONS	2,380
Office Expenses	3,908
FEES	660
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	7,314
DUES & SUBS	2,691
Depreciation	3,693
CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	2,149
Advertising and Promotion	5,028

TY 2009 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC

EIN: 13-3081486

Software ID: 09000047

Software Version: 2009v1.7

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	13,840	14,254

TY 2009 Other Revenues Schedule

Name: AMERICAN OPERA PROJECTS INC

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Description	Amount
MISCELLANEOUS WRITE OFFS	3,819