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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
2009
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2009 and ending 08-31-2010

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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"/> 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 THE STEPPINGSTONE THEATRE | D Employer identification number 36-3557115 |
| | | Doing Business As | E Telephone number (651) 225-9265 |
| | | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 55 VICTORIA STREET NORTH | G Gross receipts \$ 938,284 |
| | | City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 SAINT PAUL, MN 55104 | |
| F Name and address of principal officer RICHARD HITCHLER 55 VICTORIA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55104 | | 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) 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 STEPPINGSTONETHEATRE ORG | | | |
| K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | L Year of formation 1987 | M State of legal domicile MN |

Part I Summary

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|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 | Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD BY USING EDUCATIONAL THEATRE PROGRAMS AND FULL STAGED PRODUCTIONS TO BUILD SELF ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHILE CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN A SUPPORTIVE, NON-COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE | | |
| | 2 | Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets | | |
| | 3 | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 18 |
| | 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 18 |
| | 5 | Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 19 |
| | 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 200 |
| | 7a | Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 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) | 443,325 | 420,775 |
| | 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 92 | 217 |
| | 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | 4,404 |
| | 12 | Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 941,473 | 937,768 |
| Expenses | 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | 0 |
| | 14 | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | 0 |
| | 15 | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 433,281 | 378,454 |
| | 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 0 |
| | b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 76,606 | | |
| | 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) | 654,519 | 701,908 |
| 18 | Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 1,087,800 | 1,080,362 | |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -146,327 | -142,594 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
| | 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 4,350,608 | 4,200,802 |
| | 22 | Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 642,693 | 635,481 |
| | | | 3,707,915 | 3,565,321 |

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

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| Sign Here | ***** | 2010-11-18 | | |
| | Signature of officer | Date | | |
| | RICHARD HITCHLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title | | | |
| Paid Preparer's Use Only | Preparer's signature | Date 2010-11-18 | Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> | Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) |
| | Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 | MAHONEYULBRICHCHRISTIANSEN & RUSS PA 30 EAST PLATO BOULEVARD SAINT PAUL, MN 551071809 | | EIN |
| | | | | Phone no (651) 227-6695 |

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD BY USING EDUCATIONAL THEATRE PROGRAMS AND FULL STAGED PRODUCTIONS TO BUILD SELF ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHILE CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN A SUPPORTIVE, NON-COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 139,534 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 138,275)

THE RESIDENCIES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDES ARTISTIC THEATRE RESIDENCIES AT SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SITES, ENABLING THE THEATRE TO BROADEN THE REACH OF ITS PROGRAMS TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND TO WORK WITH TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO BRING THE BENEFITS AND THE CREATIVE POWER OF THEATRE TO CLASSROOMS STATEWIDE ALSO IT BRINGS TOGETHER PROFESSIONAL THEATRE ARTISTS, PREVENTION SPECIALISTS, AND AT-RISK YOUTH IN RESIDENCY FORMATS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE AND RELATED ISSUES, AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO UTILIZE THEIR OWN POTENTIAL TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 188,322 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 167,102)

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDES FUN, CONFIDENCE-BUILDING AND EDUCATIONAL THEATRE CLASSES AND SUMMER DAY CAMPS TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACROSS THE METROPOLITAN AREA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES CLASSES PROVIDED TO NUMEROUS COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 523,785 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 206,995)

THE MAINSTAGE PROGRAM GIVES TWIN CITIES YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACT IN PLAYS CREATED WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE ROLES ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORS AND THEATRE ARTISTS TO PRESENT HIGH-QUALITY WORKS OF THEATRE

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 851,641

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> | Yes | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? | Yes | |
| 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> | | No |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i> | | No |
| 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 similar funds or 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> | | No |
| 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> | | No |
| 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> | | No |
| 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> | | No |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> | | No |
| 11 | Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i> | Yes | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> | | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> | | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> | | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> | | |
| | • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> | | |
| | • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> | | |
| 12 | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> | Yes | |
| 12A | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? | Yes | No |
| | <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> | | No |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i> | | No |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | No |
| 14b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i> | | No |
| 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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.</i> | | No |
| 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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III.</i> | | No |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> | | No |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i> | | No |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i> | | No |
| 20 | Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i> | | No |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

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|------------|--|------------|-----|----|
| 21 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | 21 | | No |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | 22 | | No |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | 23 | | No |
| 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 line 25</i> | 24a | | No |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | 24b | | |
| 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? | 24c | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | 24d | | |
| 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> | 25a | | No |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | 25b | | No |
| 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> | 26 | | No |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | 27 | | No |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) | | | |
| a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | 28a | | No |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | 28b | | No |
| c | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | 28c | | No |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | 29 | | No |
| 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> | 30 | | No |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | 31 | | No |
| 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> | 32 | | No |
| 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> | 33 | | No |
| 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> | 34 | | No |
| 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> | 35 | | No |
| 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> | 36 | | No |
| 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> | 37 | | No |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | Yes | |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|------------|----|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| | 1a 83 | | |
| b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| | 1b 0 | | |
| c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | Yes | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return | | |
| | 2a 19 | | |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions) | Yes | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | | No |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? | | No |
| b | 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 | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | | No |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | No |
| c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | | No |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | |
| | 7d | | |
| e | Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | No |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | No |
| g | For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | Yes | |
| h | For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? | Yes | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | |
| 9 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | 10a | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | 10b | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders | 11a | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) | 11b | |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | 12a | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | 12b | |

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (18); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (18); 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? (No); 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? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b 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?; 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (Yes); 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (No); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); 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? (No); 16b 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (MN); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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: [X] Own website, [] Another's website, [X] 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. See Additional Data Table; 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: RICHARD HITCHLER, 55 VICTORIA STREET NORTH, ST PAUL, MN 55104, (651) 225-9265.

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|---------------------------|--------|---|---|
| 1b Total | 88,003 | 0 | 0 |
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0**

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 | 1a | Federated campaigns 1a | | | | | |
| | b | Membership dues 1b | | | | | |
| | c | Fundraising events 1c | | | | | |
| | d | Related organizations 1d | | | | | |
| | e | Government grants (contributions) 1e | 97,299 | | | | |
| | f | All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f | 323,476 | | | | |
| | g | Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ | | | | | |
| | h | Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶ | 420,775 | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | | | Business Code | | | | |
| | 2a | THEATRE PRODUCTION _____ | 711,110 | 206,995 | 206,995 | | |
| | b | EDUCATION _____ | 711,110 | 167,102 | 167,102 | | |
| | c | RESIDENCIES _____ | 711,110 | 95,872 | 95,872 | | |
| | d | RENTAL INCOME _____ | 711,110 | 34,675 | 34,675 | | |
| | e | MISCELLANEOUS INCOME _____ | 900,099 | 7,728 | 7,728 | | |
| | f | All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| g | Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶ | 512,372 | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 | Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶ | | 217 | | 217 | |
| | 4 | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶ | | | | | |
| | 5 | Royalties ▶ | | | | | |
| | 6a | | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | |
| | | | Gross Rents | | | | |
| | | | Less rental expenses | | | | |
| | | | Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d | Net rental income or (loss) ▶ | | | | | |
| | 7a | | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | | |
| | | | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | |
| | | | Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | | | Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| d | Net gain or (loss) ▶ | | | | | | |
| 8a | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a | 4,920 | | | | | |
| b | Less direct expenses b | 516 | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶ | 4,404 | | | 4,404 | | |
| 9a | Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a | | | | | | |
| b | Less direct expenses b | | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶ | | | | | | |
| 10a | 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 | | | |
| 11a | _____ | | | | | | |
| b | _____ | | | | | | |
| c | _____ | | | | | | |
| d | All other revenue | | | | | | |
| e | Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶ | | | | | | |
| 12 | Total revenue. See Instructions ▶ | 937,768 | 512,372 | 0 | 4,621 | | |

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 | | | | |
| 2 | Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 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 | 88,002 | 70,402 | 13,200 | 4,400 |
| 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 | 255,768 | 191,268 | 21,421 | 43,079 |
| 8 | Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 | Other employee benefits | 6,955 | 5,232 | | 1,723 |
| 10 | Payroll taxes | 27,729 | 21,752 | 1,780 | 4,197 |
| 11 | Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a | Management | | | | |
| b | Legal | | | | |
| c | Accounting | 12,950 | | 12,950 | |
| d | Lobbying | | | | |
| e | Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f | Investment management fees | | | | |
| g | Other | 229,907 | 222,508 | 1,689 | 5,710 |
| 12 | Advertising and promotion | 85,231 | 46,571 | 36,589 | 2,071 |
| 13 | Office expenses | 69,172 | 41,776 | 25,596 | 1,800 |
| 14 | Information technology | | | | |
| 15 | Royalties | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | 34,446 | 27,866 | 4,935 | 1,645 |
| 17 | Travel | 26,001 | 25,195 | 806 | |
| 18 | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 | Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 | Interest | 34,874 | 27,899 | 5,231 | 1,744 |
| 21 | Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 158,720 | 126,976 | 23,808 | 7,936 |
| 23 | Insurance | 25,353 | 20,282 | 3,803 | 1,268 |
| 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 | PRODUCTION COSTS | 22,665 | 21,915 | | 750 |
| b | MISCELLANEOUS | 2,589 | 1,999 | 307 | 283 |
| c | | | | | |
| d | | | | | |
| e | | | | | |
| f | All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 1,080,362 | 851,641 | 152,115 | 76,606 |
| 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) | | (B) |
|--|--|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Beginning of year | | End of year |
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | | 1 | 73,130 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | | 2 | |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 183,367 | 3 | 129,455 |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 3,030 | 4 | 5,270 |
| | 5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. 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 | 36,496 | 9 | 22,812 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 4,431,459 | | |
| | b Less accumulated depreciation | 464,247 | | |
| | | 4,123,966 | 10c | 3,967,212 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | 3,649 | 14 | 2,823 |
| 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 100 | 15 | 100 | |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 4,350,608 | 16 | 4,200,802 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 22,364 | 17 | 24,214 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 6,374 | 19 | 8,670 |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial 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 | 606,231 | 23 | 599,434 |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D | 7,724 | 25 | 3,163 |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 642,693 | 26 | 635,481 |
| 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 | 3,617,193 | 27 | 3,451,728 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | 90,722 | 28 | 113,593 |
| | 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 | 3,707,915 | 33 | 3,565,321 | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 4,350,608 | 34 | 4,200,802 | |

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 _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . | | No |
| 2b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | Yes | |
| 2c | If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O | Yes | |
| 2d | If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis | | |
| 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? | | No |
| 3b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . . | | |

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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
THE STEPPINGSTONE THEATRE

Employer identification number

36-3557115

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 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.") | 1,433,206 | 2,218,521 | 1,431,971 | 443,325 | 425,179 | 5,952,202 |
| 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 | 345,101 | 364,892 | 499,751 | 488,931 | 469,969 | 2,168,644 |
| 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 | 1,778,307 | 2,583,413 | 1,931,722 | 932,256 | 895,148 | 8,120,846 |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | 0 |
| 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 | 712,188 | 1,075,738 | 753,248 | 85,847 | 124,600 | 2,751,621 |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | 712,188 | 1,075,738 | 753,248 | 85,847 | 124,600 | 2,751,621 |
| 8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6) | | | | | | 5,369,225 |

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 | 1,778,307 | 2,583,413 | 1,931,722 | 932,256 | 895,148 | 8,120,846 |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 13,135 | 29,333 | 21,524 | 5,645 | 34,892 | 104,529 |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | 13,135 | 29,333 | 21,524 | 5,645 | 34,892 | 104,529 |
| 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) | 1,791,442 | 2,612,746 | 1,953,246 | 937,901 | 930,040 | 8,225,375 |
| 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 <input checked="" 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 | 65.280 % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | 99.040 % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|---------|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f)) | 17 | 1.270 % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | 0.960 % |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2008

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization THE STEPPINGSTONE THEATRE

Employer identification number

36-3557115

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes rows for total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and questions about donor advisement.

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Held at the End of the Year. Includes rows for purpose of easements, total number, acreage, and monitoring details.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Includes rows for art collections, revenues, and assets.

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

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

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

| | (a) Current Year | (b) Prior Year | (c) Two Years Back | (d) Three Years Back | (e) Four Years Back |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Investment earnings or losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

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

| | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |

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 | | 4,366,769 | 424,547 | 3,942,222 |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 64,690 | 39,700 | 24,990 |
| e Other | | | | |
| Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) | | | | 3,967,212 |

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 | | |
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| Total. (Column (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. (Column (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 |
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| Federal Income Taxes | |
| SECURITY DEPOSIT | 3,163 |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) | 3,163 |

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

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|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 937,768 |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 1,080,362 |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | -142,594 |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 4 | |
| 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 | 0 |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9 | 10 | -142,594 |

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 | 937,768 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12 | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | |
| 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 | 0 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 937,768 |
| 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 | 937,768 |

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

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 1 | 1,080,362 |
| 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 | 1,080,362 |
| 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 | 1,080,362 |

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

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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| | | The Theatre is not currently under examination by any taxing jurisdiction Federal and state tax authorities generally have the right to examine returns for a period of three years after they are filed |

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.**

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Inspection**

Name of the organization
THE STEPPINGSTONE THEATRE

Employer identification number

36-3557115

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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| Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11 | | THE 990 IS PRESENTED BY THE ACCOUNTING FIRM TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO PRESENTS IT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR REVIEW. THIS COMMITTEE THEN PRESENTS THE 990 TO THE FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. |
| Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c | | ANY AND ALL CONFLICTS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD RESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW AND ACTION. |
| Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a | | THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND USES PUBLISHED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION. |
| Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19 | | THE THEATRE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & 990'S ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE THEATRE'S WEBSITE. OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC IN PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC FORMATS. |
| FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C | | THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. |

Additional Data

Software ID:
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Name: THE STEPPINGSTONE THEATRE

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

| (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 | | | |
| JEFFERY BURT president | 2 00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PATTI LESLIE TREASURER | 2 00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LAURA KRENZ vice-president | 2 00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRANK DUAN BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUSAN MUNSON-REGALA BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PAUL SCHATZ BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BRIGID DOWDAL BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAVID GRAHAM BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BEN REDSHAW BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUSAN SCHUSTER BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LORI SWANSON BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KAY WILLSHIRE BOARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JANE ZILCH secretary | 2 00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| andrea nordaune boARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| kenneth scott boARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| lisa benjamin-phillips boARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| april scott boARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| christopher stall boARD MEMBER | 2 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RICHARD HITCHLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 40 00 | | | X | | | | 88,003 | 0 | 0 |

Form 990, Part VIII - Statement of Revenue - 2a - 2g Program Service Revenue -

| | Business Code | (A) Total Revenue | (B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue | (C) Unrelated Business Revenue | (D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514 |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| THEATRE PRODUCTION | 711,110 | 206,995 | 206,995 | | |
| EDUCATION | 711,110 | 167,102 | 167,102 | | |
| RESIDENCIES | 711,110 | 95,872 | 95,872 | | |
| RENTAL INCOME | 711,110 | 34,675 | 34,675 | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 900,099 | 7,728 | 7,728 | | |