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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

2009

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Internal Revenue Service

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

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type.
See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization SEATTLE SYMPHONY & OPERA PLAYERS ORGANIZATION	D Employer identification number 91-1125069
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 21403	E Telephone number
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 SEATTLE, WA 98111	F Group Exemption Number ►

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

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► N/A

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one) 501(c) (5) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 172,313

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

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
3 Membership dues and assessments	3 172,073
4 Investment income	4 240
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c
6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ►	
a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a 0
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b 0
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c 0
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
b Less cost of goods sold	7b 0
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c
8 Other revenue (describe ►)	8
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9 172,313
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) ►	10 173,890
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13 153,136
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15
16 Other expenses (describe ►)	16 16,220
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17 343,246
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 -170,933
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)	19 656,438
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21 485,505

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	653,428	22 482,750
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ►)	3,010	24 2,755
25 Total assets	656,438	25 485,505
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	656,438	27 485,505

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 ►	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	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. 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	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ►, section 4912 ►, section 4955 ►			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		40b	
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ►			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ►			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ►			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ► <u>JEFFREY FAIR</u> Telephone no ► <u>(206) 325-5795</u> PO BOX 21403 Located at ► <u>SEATTLE, WA</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>981113403</u>			
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		42b	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.				
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ► and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ►	43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		44	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	46	
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
	b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	
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 Paul Rafanelli Treasurer Type or print name and title	2010-11-04 Date	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Chris McGinness	Date	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 HUEBNER DOOLEY & MCGINNESS PS 1424 NE 155TH ST STE 100 SHORELINE, WA 981557104			EIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (206) 522-8000

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 91-1125069
Name: SEATTLE SYMPHONY & OPERA PLAYERS
ORGANIZATION

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
Kathy Stern PO Box 21403 Seattle, WA 98111	Treasurer 0 50	0		
Zart Dombourian-Eby PO Box 21403 Seattle, WA 98111	Corr Secretary 0 50	0		
Valerie Muzzolini Gordon PO Box 21403 Seattle, WA 98111	Rec Secretary 0 50	0		
David Sabee PO Box 21403 Seattle, WA 98111	Vice-Chairman 0 50	0		
Tim Hale PO Box 21403 SEATTLE, WA 98111	Chair 0 50	0		

TY 2009 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid Schedule

Name: SEATTLE SYMPHONY & OPERA PLAYERS
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Software Version: 2009v1.3

Item No.	1
Class of Activity	
Donee's Name	PASCO
Donee's Address	PO Box 31055 Charleston, SC 29417
Amount (FMV)	500
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

Item No.	2
Class of Activity	
Donee's Name	NMSOPA
Donee's Address	3516 CAMPBELL CT NW Albuquerque, NM 87104
Amount (FMV)	500
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

Item No.	3
Class of Activity	
Donee's Name	Honolulu Symphony Musicians
Donee's Address	949 Kapiolani Blvd Honolulu, HI 96814
Amount (FMV)	500
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

Item No.	4
Class of Activity	
Donee's Name	Seattle Symphony
Donee's Address	PO Box 21906 Seattle, WA 98111
Amount (FMV)	168,840
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

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Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Furniture and Fixtures	3,010	2,755

TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule

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Description	Amount
TRAINING & EDUCATION	127
SUBSCRIPTIONS	364
OTHER	1,138
Office Expenses	3,603
GIFTS	892
DUES REFUNDED	350
Depreciation	1,967
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	4,614