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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder 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.

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning November 1, 2009, and ending October 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

Scottish Fiddlers of California

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

1502 Kona Place

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8605

D Employer identification number

95-4063752

E Telephone number

707-527-0693

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: ►**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**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. \$ 410,537**Part I** Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	28,855
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	340,007
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	11,212
	4	Investment income	4	4,918
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	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	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
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	25,545	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	17,876	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	7,669	
8	Other revenue (describe ► _____)	8	0	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	392,661	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	9,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	9,750
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	42,780
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	248,668
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	4,982
	16	Other expenses (describe ► insurance, travel, concert expense, supplies, website, misc)	16	69,372
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	384,552
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	8,109
	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	408,849
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	416,958

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	405,849	22 411,787
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe ► inventory for sale)	3,000	24 5,171
25 Total assets	408,849	25 416,958
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	408,849	27 416,958

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?	Educate general public in Scottish music and dance
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.	

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28	Instruction in Scottish music and dance		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	28a 302,349
29	Public performance of Scottish music and dance		
	Sponsorship of community based performance groups		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	29a 78,863
30	Dissemination of educational materials		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	30a see7(a)-(c)
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	31a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32 332,792

Part IV	List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
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	✓
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	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
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	✓
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	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
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	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ California		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Robert Klamt Telephone no. ▶ 707-527-0693		
Located at ▶ 1502 Kona Place, Santa Rosa, CA ZIP + 4 ▶ 95403-8605		
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)?	42b	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here 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	✓
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	✓

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 as 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."

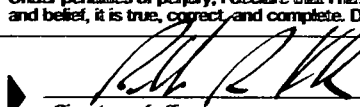
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

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		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

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		4-15-11 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Robert R. Klamt, Treasurer			
	Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EBN	Phone no.	

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



Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
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 section 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 from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% 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 Section 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	27,070	22,131	12,742	37,570	28,855	128,368
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	278,972	321,441	339,611	319,567	340,007	1,599,598
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	306,042	343,572	352,353	357,137	368,862	1,727,966
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	270	270	310	407	210	1,467
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	270	270	310	407	210	1,467
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,756,249

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	306,042	343,572	352,353	357,137	368,862	1,727,966
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,081	10,820	3,982	6,482	4,919	28,283
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	2,081	10,820	3,982	6,482	4,919	28,283
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	7,453	8,691	9,343	9,472	11,212	46,171
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	315,576	363,083	365,678	373,091	384,992	1,802,420
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	95.79 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	95.53 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	1.57 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.71 %

- 19a 33⅓% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☒
- b 33⅓% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ☒
- 20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. ☐

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

Part III, line 12 -- other income is membership assessment

ATTACHMENT TO FORM 990-EZ

SCOTTISH FIDDLERS OF CALIFORNIA. TIN 95-4063752

2009 FISCAL YEAR (11/1/2009 – 10/31/2010)

Part I, line 7(b) Schedule – Cost of Goods Sold

Inventory at beginning of year	\$ 3,000
Purchases	\$ 20,047
Inventory at end of year	\$ <u>(5,171)</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 17,876

Part I, line 10. Grants and similar amounts paid

The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, a part of the Scottish Fiddlers of California, formed a Scholarship Committee that met on April 4, 2006 and developed the following criteria and process for awarding scholarships:

1. The scholarship will be used to attend an organized music school or lessons from an eminent teacher(s)/musician(s), possibly involving significant travel expenses.
2. Eligible applicants must be active club members, in good standing, who have helped organize club activities, participated in gigs, lead workshops or slow jams, held offices, or done other deeds recognized as being for the benefit of the club and corporation's mission.
3. Each scholarship awardee must commit to giving back to the organization by conducting a workshop on what they learned, writing an article about their experience for the newsletter, or otherwise enriching the club by sharing what they have learned as a result of the scholarship.
4. The scholarship may not be used to attend VOM or Sierra Fiddle Camp.
5. Preference will be given to those who have not previously been awarded a Fiddle Club Scholarship, and the scholarship will cover only the person applying.
6. The scholarship awardee will be expected to pay a portion of the training on his or her own as our award will not cover the whole expense.
7. The scholarship will be awarded contingent on evidence of acceptance into a school or program or by a teacher. If circumstances change and the scholarship awardee is not able to participate in the training, the funds must be refunded to SFSF.

To apply for the award, the applicant must present an application form and letter explaining why the applicant desires the scholarship, include musical background information, and inform the committee as to the scholarship amount to make their training plan possible. The applicant must also indicate when they would be available for an interview with the scholarship committee.

Three scholarships were awarded in FY 2009 as follows:

\$2,000 – Berklee College of Music, 2010 Summer Program
Summer McCall
P.O. Box 2195
Truckee, CA 96160

\$3,000 – Berklee College of Music, attendance toward B.A. Degree in Music Composition
Galen Fraser (son of Alasdair Fraser and Sally Ashcraft)
P.O. Box 219
Nevada City, CA 95959

\$4,000 – Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, attendance toward Degree in Music
Avery Risling Sholl
1260 Slater Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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2009 FISCAL YEAR (11/1/2009 – 10/31/2010)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

28. Instruction in Scottish Music and Dance

Two week-long summer camps provided the following opportunities for study and sharing of expertise:

Classes – daily classes in fiddle, dance, piano, cello, guitar, mandolin, Gaelic singing, rhythm and percussion provided opportunities to study with top performers of traditional Scottish music and dance from the United States and abroad.

Additional Activities – these include evening dances, concerts, informal music sessions and discussion of the history and practice of Scottish fiddling and dancing.

Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School served 230 people.

Alasdair Fraser's Sierra Fiddle Camp served 200 people.

29. Public Performance of Scottish Music and Dance and Sponsorship of Community Based Performance Groups

Scottish Fiddlers' Concerts were sponsored and produced by the corporation at the end of both summer camps. There were over 180 fiddlers and other musicians, singers, and dancers performing, for each concert, and approximately 1,600 audience members, total.

A Fiddlers' Rally performance held at the nation's largest Scottish festival in Pleasanton, CA following the Valley of the Moon summer camp featured performances by about 40 of our summer camp participants and instructors, with approximately 8,000-10,000 listeners throughout the 2-day event.

Two amateur performing groups, one in the Los Angeles area and one in the San Francisco Bay area, are sponsored by the corporation. The Los Angeles group produced and presented a concert with approximately 35 performers and a total attendance of approximately 400.

The San Francisco group presented three concerts (Oakland, Grass Valley, and Santa Rosa) with approximately 115 performers and total attendance of approximately 1,900.

In addition, both groups perform at community events, conduct outreach to local schools, publish newsletters containing transcription of music for the groups' repertoire, and have monthly meetings, workshops, and rehearsals.

30. Dissemination of Educational Materials

The corporation provided to members of performing groups and to camp participants, musical transcriptions of Scottish tunes and study tapes or repertoire material. The corporation also obtained and made available to the interested public, educational materials concerning the traditions of Scottish music and dance. Charges for these materials, primarily books, audio and visual recordings, and other items related to practice and performance, are generally well below standard retail mark-up. Net proceeds from the sale of these items enables the corporation to maintain and add to inventory in furtherance of the stated objectives.

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2009 FISCAL YEAR (11/1/2009 – 10/31/2010)

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees – Additional Information

Alasdair Fraser, President \$9,000

The director and founder of this organization received compensation in return for his services to the corporation as a fiddle instructor and performing group musical director / conductor during the instructional camps, musical performances, workshops, and other events. Alasdair Fraser is widely recognized as a top authority on and performer of Scottish traditional fiddling. His services were performed in furtherance of the exempt purposes of this organization.

Cherry Clark, Registrar \$ 750

The registrar received compensation in return for her services to the corporation as registrar for the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers club and two instructional camps, which included: composing and sending out informational flyers, receiving applications, tracking and assisting in the selection of attendees, tracking of deposits, cancellations, and fees, making arrangements for accommodations, composing and compiling information packets for camp attendees, and general coordination of registration at the camps.