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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2010

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

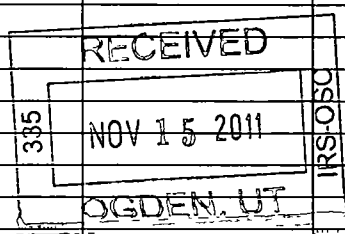
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For calendar year 2010, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

G Check all that apply: Initial return, Amended return, Initial return of a former public charity, Address change, Final return, Name change

Name of foundation FOUNDATION FOR MODERN OPERA		A Employer identification number 04-3167463
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 15 BREWSTER RD	Room/suite	B Telephone number 508-363-4460
City or town, state, and ZIP code WORCESTER, MA 01602		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation, <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust, <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 1,717	J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash, <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual, <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))			N/A	
Revenue				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received				
2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities				
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit or (loss)				
11 Other income				
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	0.	0.		
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees				
c Other professional fees				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes				
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses				
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	0.	0.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	0.			0.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	0.	0.		0.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	0.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	



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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	104.	104.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶ STATEMENT 1)	1,613.	1,613.		
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	1,717.	1,717.	1,717.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	and complete lines 27 through 31.			
27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	1,717.	1,717.		
28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund	0.	0.		
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	0.	0.		
30 Total net assets or fund balances	1,717.	1,717.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,717.	1,717.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,717.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	0.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,717.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,717.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo, day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo, day, yr)
1a			
b	NONE		
c			
d			
e			

(a) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(l) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (l) over col (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 } { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 } }	2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)		3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2009	1,348.	44.	30.636364
2008	1,654.	71.	23.295775
2007	1,252.	46.	27.217391
2006	0.	29.	.000000
2005	0.	26.	.000000

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	81.149530
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	16.229906
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2010 from Part X, line 5	4	102.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	1,655.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	0.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	1,655.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	0.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate
See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes fields for exempt foundations, tax under section 511, credits/payments, and tax due. Total tax due is 0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about political campaigns, unrelated business income, and substantial contributors. Includes 'Yes' and 'No' columns.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)
12 Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?
14 The books are in care of JOSEPH SUMMER Telephone no 508-363-4460
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
16 At any time during calendar year 2010, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official?
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)?
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2010?
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))
a At the end of tax year 2010, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2010?
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income?
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2010 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period?
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2010?

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Yes No
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here N/A

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No
 If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d). N/A

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870. 6b X

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? Yes No
 N/A 7b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
JOSEPH SUMMER 15 BREWSTER ROAD WORCESTER, MA 01602	TRUSTEE 10.00	0.	0.	0.
JOHN WRONOSKI 60 KILSYTH ROAD BROOKLINE, MA 02445	TRUSTEE 0.50	0.	0.	0.
FRANZ MAIER 17 ALFRETON CLOSE, WIMBLETON LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM SW195NS	TRUSTEE 0.50	0.	0.	0.
JAMES PACE CLAYTON PO BOX 37 ST JOHN, VI 00831	TRUSTEE 0.50	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶ 0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1	
SEE STATEMENT 2	0.
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
3	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	104.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	104.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	104.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	2.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	102.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	5.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	5.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2010 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2010 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	5.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	5.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	5.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	0.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	0.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	0.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2009	(c) 2009	(d) 2010
1 Distributable amount for 2010 from Part XI, line 7				5.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2010				
a Enter amount for 2009 only			0.	
b Total for prior years		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2010				
a From 2005				
b From 2006				
c From 2007				1,250.
d From 2008				1,650.
e From 2009				1,346.
f Total of lines 3a through e	4,246.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2010 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$	0.			
a Applied to 2009, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2010 distributable amount				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2010 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	5.			5.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	4,241.			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2009 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2011				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2005 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2011. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	4,241.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2006				
b Excess from 2007				1,245.
c Excess from 2008				1,650.
d Excess from 2009				1,346.
e Excess from 2010				

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<p>a <i>Paid during the year</i></p> <p>NONE</p>				
Total				0.
<p>b <i>Approved for future payment</i></p> <p>NONE</p>				
Total				0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER ASSETS		STATEMENT 1
DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING OF YR BOOK VALUE	END OF YEAR BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
SHEET MUSIC LIBRARY	938.	938.	938.
MUSIC REFERENCE LIBRARY	675.	675.	675.
TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 15	<u>1,613.</u>	<u>1,613.</u>	<u>1,613.</u>

FORM 990-PF SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES STATEMENT 2

ACTIVITY ONE

THE FOUNDATION SPONSORED A CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMONWEALTH OPERA, KNOWN AS THE SHAKESPEARE CONCERTS. IN 2010 CONCERTS WERE PRESENTED AT NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY'S JORDAN HALL IN BOSTON, AND AT SMITH COLLEGE, NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS. THE FOUNDATION ALSO MAINTAINS A MUSIC AND REFERENCE LIBRARY SUPPORTING THE SHAKESPEARE CONCERTS.

EXPENSES

TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 1

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