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OMB No 1545-0047

Form **990****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)

**2010****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

<b>A</b> For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>7/1/2010</u> , and ending <u>6/30/2011</u>	
<b>B</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	<b>C</b> Name of organization <u>ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION</u> Doing Business As _____ Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>P O BOX 3431</u> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <u>JOHNSON CITY TN 37602-3431</u> <b>D</b> Employer identification number <u>83-0459299</u> <b>E</b> Telephone number <u>(423) 915-1212</u> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <u>51,693</u> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶ _____ <b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 <b>J</b> Website: ▶ <u>www.academyofstrings.com/foundation.html</u> <b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ _____ <b>L</b> Year of formation <u>2006</u> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile <u>TN</u>

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	<u>THE FOUNDATION IS A SEPERATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION WHOSE PURPOSE, THROUGH THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENDOWED FUND, IS THE PROMOTION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE ACADEMY OF STRINGS WITH ITS ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP MUSICAL EXCELLENCE IN THE REGION</u>	
	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)	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>6</u>	
	Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<u>7a</u>
b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<u>7b</u>	<u>0</u>
8		Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year <u>16,015</u>	Current Year <u>17,925</u>
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3-4, and 7d)	<u>92</u>	<u>28</u>
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>10,279</u>	<u>8,568</u>
12		Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>26,386</u>	<u>26,521</u>
13		Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<u>17,685</u>	<u>17,798</u>
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenses		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<u>0</u>
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>0</u>		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<u>911</u>	<u>1,276</u>
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>18,596</u>	<u>19,074</u>
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>7,790</u>	<u>7,447</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year <u>51,185</u>	End of Year <u>58,632</u>
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>51,185</u>	<u>58,632</u>

**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

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/10/12</u>			
	Type or print name and title _____				
<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <u>A. Joseph Vance, II CPA</u>	Preparer's signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>2/8/2012</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN _____
	Firm's name ▶ <u>Southeastern Tax and Accounting, P C</u>	Firm's EIN ▶ _____			
	Firm's address ▶ <u>P O Box 366, Bristol, TN 37621-0366</u>	Phone no <u>(423) 968-9236</u>			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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**Part III****Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE FOUNDATION IS A SEPERATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION WHOSE PURPOSE, THROUGH THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENDOWED FUND, IS THE PROMOTION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF THE ACADEMY OF STRINGS WITH ITS ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP MUSICAL EXCELLENCE IN THE REGION

**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 \$ 18,344 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 26,493)

The Foundation promotes and supports the educational purposes of Academy of Strings, a Tennessee non-profit corporation exempt from federal income tax under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Code. To promote and support the Academy, the Foundation solicits funds and encourages gifts to fund growth, development and support of Academy of Strings. The Foundation was organized to relieve the Academy and its students, parents, and staff of fundraising burdens so that students and staff could focus on education and performance.

**4b** (Code \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)**4c** (Code \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)**4e** Total program service expenses **▶** 18,344

**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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)		X
3 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		X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		X
b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f 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 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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>	<b>21</b> X	
<b>22</b> 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>	<b>22</b>	X
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 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>	<b>23</b>	X
<b>24a</b> 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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	<b>24a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	<b>24b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	<b>24c</b>	X
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<b>24d</b>	X
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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>	<b>25a</b>	X
<b>b</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>	<b>25b</b>	X
<b>26</b> 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>	<b>26</b>	X
<b>27</b> 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>	<b>27</b>	X
<b>28</b> 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)		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28a</b>	X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28b</b>	X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<b>28c</b>	X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>	X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>30</b>	X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	<b>31</b>	X
<b>32</b> 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>	<b>32</b>	X
<b>33</b> 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>	<b>33</b>	X
<b>34</b> 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>	<b>34</b>	X
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35</b>	X
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	<b>36</b>	X
<b>37</b> 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>	<b>37</b>	X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<b>38</b> X	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	0	
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
<b>4a</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)?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	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?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	X	
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	X	
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		X
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	6	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	5	
<b>2</b> 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?		X
<b>3</b> 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?		X
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b> Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b> Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
<b>b</b> Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body?	X	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>9</b> 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		X

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

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
<b>b</b> 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?		
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
<b>b</b> Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
<b>c</b> Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions.)		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
<b>b</b> 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**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: \_\_\_\_\_

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ 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.

**20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **ROBERT DE TROYE** (423) 915-1212  
 3610 GREENWOOD DR, JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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			
(1) Ralph Lugo Chairman	4	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Robert DeTroye Treasurer	4	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Kimberly Barrett Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(4) Melinda DeTroye Secretary	4	X		X				0	0	0
(5) David Sibley Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(6) Paul David Walker Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(7) David Clapp Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(8) Biff Dyer Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(9) Rachel Burch Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(10) Timothy Barrett Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(11) Don Burch Trustee/Director	4	X						0	0	0
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										



**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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			
(17) .....										
(18) .....										
(19) .....										
(20) .....										
(21) .....										
(22) .....										
(23) .....										
(24) .....										
(25) .....										
(26) .....										
(27) .....										
(28) .....										
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								0	0	0
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0	0	0
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								0	0	0

**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**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*

	Yes	No
<b>3</b>		X
<b>4</b>		X
<b>5</b>		X

**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
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization	<b>0</b>	

**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	0			
	b	Membership dues	1b	0			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	975			
	d	Related organizations	1d	0			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	0			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	16,950			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$	0			
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		17,925			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a			0			
	b			0			
	c			0			
	d			0			
	e			0			
	f	All other program service revenue		0			
g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		0				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		28	28		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)			0		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	0	0			
	c	Gain or (loss)	0	0			
	d	Net gain or (loss)			0		
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 975 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	33,740			
	b	Less direct expenses	b	25,172			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			8,568		
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a	0			
	b	Less direct expenses	b	0			
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0		
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	0			
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b	0			
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			0		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a			0				
b			0				
c			0				
d	All other revenue		0				
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d		0				
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions		26,521	28	0	0	

**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	17,798	17,798		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	0			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	0			
10	Payroll taxes	0			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	480		480	
b	Legal	0			
c	Accounting	250		250	
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other	0			
12	Advertising and promotion	0			
13	Office expenses	546	546		
14	Information technology	0			
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	0			
17	Travel	0			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0			
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23	Insurance	0			
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
a	-----	0			
b	-----	0			
c	-----	0			
d	-----	0			
e	-----	0			
f	All other expenses	0			
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	19,074	18,344	730	0
26	<b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	11,681	1	20,729
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	35,788	2	35,815
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	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)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	3,716	8	2,088
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 0		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 0	10c 0	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	51,185	16	58,632	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	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	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	51,185	27	58,632
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	51,185	33	58,632
	34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	51,185	34	58,632

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	26,521
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	19,074
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	7,447
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	51,185
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	58,632

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ 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?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c If "Yes" to line 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
- d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both  
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate 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?
- b 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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b		X
2c		
3a		X
3b		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2010**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

83-0459299

**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 described in **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 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?

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

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(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	
(A) ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION	62-1733110	2	X		X		X		17,798
(B)									0
(C)									0
(D)									0
(E)									0
<b>Total</b>									17,798

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	51,029	21,160	38,297	39,803	51,665	201,954
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0					0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0					0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	51,029	21,160	38,297	39,803	51,665	201,954
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						201,954

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	51,029	21,160	38,297	39,803	51,665	201,954
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	110	806	350	92	28	1,386
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0					0
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						203,340
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	99.32%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	0.00%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II  
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II )

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	0					0
<b>2</b> 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	0					0
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0					0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0					0
<b>6</b> Total. Add lines 1 through 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
<b>b</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
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>8</b> Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						0

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						0
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )	0					0
<b>13</b> Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 )	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>14</b> 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 <span style="float: right;">► <input type="checkbox"/></span>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	0.00%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	0.00%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	0.00%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	0.00%

**19a** 33 1/3% support tests--2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

**b** 33 1/3% support tests--2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

**20** Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐



**Part IV**

**Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions)

**SCHEDULE G**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information Regarding  
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the  
organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ ▶ See separate instructions.

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ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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**Part I**

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17  
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1				0	0	0
2				0	0	0
3				0	0	0
4				0	0	0
5				0	0	0
6				0	0	0
7				0	0	0
8				0	0	0
9				0	0	0
10				0	0	0
<b>Total</b> ▶				0	0	0

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Exempt in Tennessee

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 AUCTION INCOME (event type)	(b) Event #2 TICKET SALES (event type)	(c) Other events 2 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	27,414	3,550	2,776	33,740
	2 Less Charitable contributions	0	0	0	0
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	27,414	3,550	2,776	33,740
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0	0	0
	5 Noncash prizes	19,162	0	0	19,162
	6 Rent/facility costs	0	0	0	0
	7 Food and beverages	0	0	0	0
	8 Entertainment	0	0	0	0
	9 Other direct expenses	3,607	1,551	852	6,010
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				( 25,172)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				8,568

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				0
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				0
	3 Noncash prizes				0
	4 Rent/facility costs				0
	5 Other direct expenses				0
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				( 0)
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7				0

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_

- |    |   |                              |                             |
|----|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 | Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12 | Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 13 | Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in  |                              |                             |
| a  | The organization's facility   | 13a                          | %                           |
| b  | An outside facility   | 13b                          | %                           |
| 14 | Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records                                      |                              |                             |

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ►

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

## 16 Gaming manager information

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

## 17 Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year  \$

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION

## Part I

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

## Part II

**Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. **P2** can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ACADEMY OF STRINGS P.O. BOX 3431 JOHNSON CITY, N.Y. 12099	62-1733110	501(c)(3)	17,798	0			Financial Assistance
(2) .....			0	0			
(3) .....			0	0			
(4) .....			0	0			
(5) .....			0	0			
(6) .....			0	0			
(7) .....			0	0			
(8) .....			0	0			
(9) .....			0	0			
(10) .....			0	0			
(11) .....			0	0			
(12) .....			0	0			

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 2 | Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations |
| 3 | Enter total number of other organizations                            |

**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1		0	0	0		
2		0	0	0		
3		0	0	0		
4		0	0	0		
5		0	0	0		
6		0	0	0		
7		0	0	0		

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990 Part VI Section B Line 11a CPA PREPARING FORM 990 MET WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON

FEBRUARY 7, 2012 TO REVIEW ALL FORMS, DISCLOSURES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN

Form 990 Part VI Section B Line 12c INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS MONITOR THE BOOKS

AND RECORDS ON A MONTHLY BASIS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH LINES 12a AND 12b

Form 990 Part VI Section B Line 15b THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS MONITOR AND

ESTABLISH ALL HIRING POLICIES, EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AT PRESENT,

THE FOUNDATION HAS NO EMPLOYEES

Form 990 Part VI Section C Line 19 GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FORM 990 ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE

PUBLIC UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION

83-0459299



## Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

**Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

### **Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only ☐

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns*

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization <b>ACADEMY OF STRINGS FOUNDATION</b>	Employer identification number <b>83-0459299</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions <b>P.O. BOX 3431</b>	
	City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions <b>JOHNSON CITY TN 37602-3431</b>	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

**01**

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► **ROBERT DE TROYE**

Telephone No. ► **(423) 915-1212**

FAX No. ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **2/15/2012** to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for  
► ☐ calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or  
► ☒ tax year beginning **7/1/2010**, and ending **6/30/2011**

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return  
☐ Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$
<b>b</b> If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$ <b>0</b>

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.