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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2010

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities,
and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file
Form 990 (see instructions) All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000
and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/01, 2010, and ending 6/30, 2011

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

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SIERRA CHAMBER OPERA
834 E ALAMOS AVE
FRESNO, CA 93704-3103

D Employer identification number
94-2515886

E Telephone number
(559) 227-4377

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ WWW.SIERRACHAMBEROPERA.ORG

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

J Tax-exempt status (ck only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

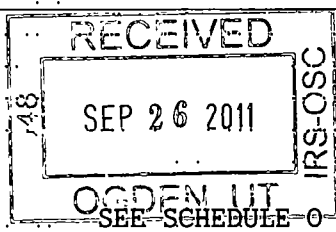
K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 75,103.

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	<u>57,946.</u>
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	<u>15,475.</u>
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	<u>1,629.</u>
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
5c	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
6a	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
6b	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	<u>53.</u>
6c	c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	<u>37.</u>
6d	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	<u>16.</u>
7a	a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
7b	b Less cost of goods sold	7b	
7c	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	<u>75,066.</u>
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	<u>70,673.</u>
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	<u>650.</u>
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	<u>3,863.</u>
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	<u>7,857.</u>
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	<u>83,043.</u>
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<u>-7,977.</u>
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	<u>251,415.</u>
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . SEE SCHEDULE O	20	<u>24,722.</u>
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	<u>268,160.</u>



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EXPENSES

ASSETS

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	251,775.	264,858.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	2,239.	5,511.
25 Total assets	254,014.	270,369.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	2,599.	2,209.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	251,415.	268,160.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instrs for Part III.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

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

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 a
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	29 a
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	31 a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(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 and other allowances
BARBARA VLYMEN (NON-BD MEMBER) 452 E RICHMOND AVE FRESNO, CA 93720	GENERAL DIR 18.00	22,000.	0.	0.
SUSAN LIBERTY 329 W BULLARD AVE #102 FRESNO, CA 93704	VICE PRESIDENT 1.00	0.	0.	0.
KATHY BARBA 2435 E MENLO AVE FRESNO, CA 93710	PRESIDENT 10.00	0.	0.	0.
CAROL N BLORE 834 E ALAMOS AVE FRESNO, CA 93704	TREASURER 3.00	0.	0.	0.
EDWIN FERRALL 1845 N HARRISON AVE FRESNO, CA 93704	BOARD MEMBER 0.50	0.	0.	0.
CARL NUSS 3614 W POMEGRANATE LN FRESNO, CA 93711	BOARD MEMBER 0.50	0.	0.	0.
REBECCA SARKISIAN 6644 N PALM AVE FRESNO, CA 93704	SECRETARY 1.00	0.	0.	0.
OLGA QUERCIA 5438 E MCKENZIE AVE FRESNO, CA 93727	BOARD MEMBER 0.50	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) SEE SCHEDULE O

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year (see instructions)?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions		0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911		0.
; section 4912		0.
; section 4955		0.
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0.
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		NONE

42a The organization's books are in care of KATHY BARBA Telephone no (559) 227-4377
 Located at 834 E ALAMOS AVE FRESNO CA ZIP + 4 93704-3103

	Yes	No
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country.		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country.		X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here N/A and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 N/A

	Yes	No
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O		

- 45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? Yes No
- a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see inst) Yes No
- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I Yes No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II Yes No
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E Yes No
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? ... Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

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

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

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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.

Sign Here: *Kathy L Barba* Signature of officer Date 9-20-11
 Kathy L Barba, President Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name MARY ANN STITES CPA Preparer's signature *Mary Ann Stites* Date 9/07/11 Check if self-employed PTIN P00123908
 Firm's name MARY ANN STITES, CPA Firm's address 4949 N. CRYSTAL AVE., STE. 110 FRESNO, CA 93705-0231 Firm's EIN 77-0045728 Phone no (559) 222-9667

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

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

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Name of the organization: **SIERRA CHAMBER OPERA** Employer identification number: **94-2515886**

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 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 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?

	Yes	No
(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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3.						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV).						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2009. 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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ▶ <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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	89,408.	82,516.	82,195.	45,553.	57,946.	357,618.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	7,926.	11,003.	14,425.	11,723.	15,475.	60,552.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	97,334.	93,519.	96,620.	57,276.	73,421.	418,170.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	28,020.	28,745.	18,200.	8,250.	7,000.	90,215.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	28,020.	28,745.	18,200.	8,250.	7,000.	90,215.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						327,955.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	97,334.	93,519.	96,620.	57,276.	73,421.	418,170.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	12,452.	13,906.	5,306.	1,790.	1,629.	35,083.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b	12,452.	13,906.	5,306.	1,790.	1,629.	35,083.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	109,786.	107,425.	101,926.	59,066.	75,050.	453,253.

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	72.4 %
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	69.0 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	7.7 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	8.2 %

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 O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

Name of the organization

SIERRA CHAMBER OPERA

Employer identification number

94-2515886

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

DURING THE YEAR, WE PERFORMED OUR CURRENT ONE-ACT OPERA "LIGHTS! ACTION!
CHARACTER!" 128 TIMES. WE PERFORMED FOR 36,389 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALL OF WHOM
RECEIVED AN EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET. THE BOOKLET ALSO APPEARS IN ITS ENTIRETY, ALONG
WITH A RECORDING OF ALL THE MUSIC FROM THE OPERA, ON OUR WEB SITE AT
WWW.SIERRACHAMBEROPERA.ORG. THE BOOKLETS WERE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOLS IN ADVANCE
OF THE PERFORMANCE TO ENHANCE THE AUDIENCE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSIC AND DRAMA
OF OPERA. WE ISSUED A SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER WHICH GOES TO 450 CONTRIBUTORS AND
OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF OUR WORK
INCREASES, AS DO THE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR AUDIENCES AND OUR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
INDIVIDUALS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V - REGARDING TRANSFERS ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

(A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? NO

(B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? NO

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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16
OTHER EXPENSES**

BANK AND BROKER FEES		\$	1,374.
INSURANCE			3,132.
MISCELLANEOUS			56.
OFFICE EXPENSES			288.
PRODUCTION COSTS			350.
PROMOTION			1,027.
TRAVEL			1,630.
		TOTAL \$	<u>7,857.</u>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES**

UNREALIZED GAINS		TOTAL \$	<u>24,722.</u>
		\$	<u>24,722.</u>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24
OTHER ASSETS**

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 0.	\$ 3,638.
PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES	2,239.	1,873.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,239.</u>	<u>\$ 5,511.</u>

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26
TOTAL LIABILITIES**

	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 397.	\$ 0.
ACCRUED EXPENSES	2,202.	2,209.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,599.</u>	<u>\$ 2,209.</u>