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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2011

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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.*

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 20 11

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

C Name of organization
Chicago Latvian Association Inc
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
4146 N Elston Ave
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Chicago IL 60618-1828

D Employer identification number
36-2372504

E Telephone number
773-588-2085

F Group Exemption Number ▶ **N/A**

G Accounting Method. Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

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

I Website: ▶ **N/A**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

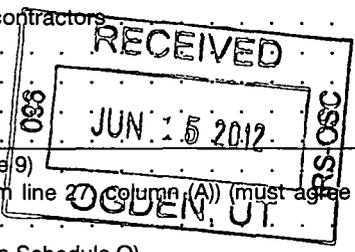
K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization 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. ▶ \$ 0

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

	Description		Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	1,112.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	3,440.
	4 Investment income	4	61,432.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 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	0
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	29,911.	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	95,895.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	14,323.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	0
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,769.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	81,059
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	97,151.	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(1,256.)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 20 column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	102,282.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	150.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	101,176.



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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	28,423.22	27,317.
23 Land and buildings	73,859.23	73,859.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0.24	0.
25 Total assets	102,282.25	101,026.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0.26	150.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	102,282.27	101,176.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions 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? Promotes Latvian culture and education

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. 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 Events held to promote Latvian culture & education, served approximately 500 people. Held 10 cultural events including theater, films, lectures, bazaar, cultural learning event. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	21,612.
29 Cultural center serves neighborhood groups for their gatherings, hosts international dance, Latvian folk dance groups. Ongoing weekly activity and single events serving about 250 people on a regular basis. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	48,389.
30 Houses and supports the Latvian language library and Latvian Folk Art Museum which serves about 500 people. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	630.
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	70,631.

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) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Armand Birkens 3340 N Keeler Ave, Chicago IL 60641	Director & President, 4 hours	0	0	0
Dace Kezbers 732 Ridge Ave, Evanston IL 60202	Director & VP, 8 hours	0	0	0
Mara Jauntirans Smith 1032 Ridge Court, Evanston, IL 60202	Director & Secretary, 6 hours	0	0	0
Marite Plume 6127 Plymouth St, Downers Grove IL 60516	Director & Treasurer, 8 hours	0	0	0
Mara Kins 2059 N Dayton St 2B, Chicago IL 60614	Director, 2 hours	0	0	0
Daina Jauntirans 848 Ridge Ave, Evanston IL 60202	Director, 8 hours	0	0	0
Dana Saltans 5235 N Ravenswood Ave #36, Chicago IL 60622	Director, 4 hours	0	0	0
Ruta Priedkalns Zirniss 6033 N Sheridan Rd #39, Chicago IL 60660	Director, 2 hours	0	0	0
Reinis Kalnajs 2635 W Logan Blvd, Chicago IL 60647	Director, 16 hours	0	0	0
Benita Plume 40 Washington Blvd, Oak Park IL 60302	Director, 2 hours	0	0	0
Inara Bundza 5555 N Sheridan Rd #612, Chicago IL 60640	Director, 8 hours	0	0	0
John Vilcins 6007 N Sheridan Rd #18J, Chicago IL 60660	Director, 2 hours	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
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)
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
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
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b 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
40c 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
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e 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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed.
42a The organization's books are in care of
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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b 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 instructions)

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

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 or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000, (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. All rows are empty with 'None' in column (a).

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."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. All rows are empty with 'None' in column (a).

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

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: Signature of officer (Marite Plume), Date (6-8-12), Marite Plume, Treasurer (Type or print name and title)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, PTIN, Firm's name, Firm's EIN, Firm's address, Phone no

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

