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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2011 2011

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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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning JAN 1 2011, 2012, and ending DEC 31, 2011

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
Name change
Initial return
Terminated
Amended return
Application pending

C Name of organization: VISUAL ARTISTS GUILD
Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address): PO BOX 861132
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: LOS ANGELES CA 90086-1132

D Employer identification number: 95-3627051
E Telephone number: 310-433-0697
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify)
Website: WWW.VISUAL-ARTISTS-GUILD.ORG
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [X] 501(c)(3) [] 501(c)() (insert no.) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

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

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization 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.

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 []

Table with 21 rows and 2 columns. Rows include: 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received (4664); 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts; 3 Membership dues and assessments; 4 Investment income; 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory; 5b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses; 5c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory; 6 Gaming and fundraising events; 6a Gross income from gaming; 6b Gross income from fundraising events; 6c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events; 6d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (1191); 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances; 7b Less: cost of goods sold; 7c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory; 8 Other revenue (INTEREST INCOME); 9 Total revenue (5856); 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (GRANT TO HONOREE) (1000); 11 Benefits paid to or for members; 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits; 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors; 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance; 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping; 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O); 17 Total expenses (4287); 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (1569); 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (58); 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances; 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (1626).

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REVENUE JUL 3 0 2013

EXPENSES

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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	58	22 1626
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets		25
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	58	27 1626

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? SUPPORT FREEDOM OF SPEECH & EXPRESSION
 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 <u>CONDUCT COMMEMORATION EVENT OF THE 1989 TIANANMEN MASSACRE, HONOR ACTIVIST FOR FREEDOM</u> (Grants \$ <u>1000.00</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a 1000
29 <u>APPEAL FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a 180
30 <u>SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR FREEDOM</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a 620
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a 2487
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32 4287

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 title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forme 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
<u>KEN AARON, PRESIDENT</u>	2	0	0	0
<u>CATHERINE BAUKNIGHT VICE PRESIDENT</u>	1	0	0	0
<u>ROBERT BRANCH TREASURER</u>	0.5	0	0	0
<u>ANN LAU, VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAM</u>	8	0	0	0
<u>JUNE SMELLEY DIRECTOR</u>	0.5	0	0	0
<u>FREEMAN HO DIRECTOR</u>	0.5	0	0	0
<u>PEGGY CHANE DIRECTOR</u>	3	0	0	0
<u>LEO ZHANG DIRECTOR</u>	1	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

		Yes	No
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		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
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)?		X
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c	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		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions		
b	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?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	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		
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		
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		CALIFORNIA
42a	The organization's books are in care of		ANU LAU Telephone no. 3104330697
	Located at		2405 GRAND SUMMIT RD, TORRANCE ZIP+4 90505-7257
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
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
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)		X

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
46 X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations 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 Yes No
47 X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E Yes No
48 X

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No
49a X

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No
49b X

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 title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) 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

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

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 7/11/2013
 Signature of officer Date
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 Firm's name ▶ Firm's EIN ▶
 Firm's address ▶ Phone no.

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