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Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2013, 2013, and ending 06-30-2014

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	C Name of organization EXPLORING THE ARTS INC Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 16 WEST 23RD STREET NO 4/F City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10010	D Employer identification number 13-4069251 E Telephone number (646) 745-9121 G Gross receipts \$ 2,098,050
F Name and address of principal officer CHERI WALSH 16 WEST 23RD STREET NO 4/F NEW YORK, NY 10010		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I 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		
J Website: ▶ WWW EXPLORINGTHEARTS ORG		
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation 2000 M State of legal domicile NY

Part I Summary

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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.

Sign Here	Signature of officer _____ CHERI WALSH EXECUTIVE DIR Type or print name and title	Date 2015-02-05
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name ROBERT R LYONS CPA Preparer's signature _____ Date _____	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P00227472 Firm's name ▶ MARKS PANETH LLP Firm's EIN ▶ 11-3518842 Firm's address ▶ 685 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017 Phone no (212) 503-8800
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

FOUNDED BY LEGENDARY SINGER TONY BENNETT AND HIS WIFE, SUSAN BENEDETTO, THE MISSION OF EXPLORING THE ARTS (ETA) IS TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ARTS EDUCATION, WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO HELP THEM BUILD QUALITY, IN-SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE OUT-OF-SCHOOL ARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR STUDENTS. ETA CURRENTLY SERVES 17 PARTNER SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK CITY AND LOS ANGELES, IMPACTING MORE THAN 11,000 STUDENTS

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 1,366,674 including grants of \$ 329,864) (Revenue \$)

TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF HIGH-QUALITY ARTS PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN NYC AND LA, ETA MAKES A 4 YEAR COMMITMENT TO EACH PARTNER SCHOOL TO HELP THEM BUILD SEQUENTIAL, SUSTAINABLE ARTS INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED AT EACH PARTNER SCHOOL INCLUDE (1) THE 4-YEAR PLAN WHERE ETA COLLABORATES WITH THE PRINCIPAL AT EACH OF ITS PARTNER SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A 4-YEAR PLAN FOR EACH SCHOOL'S ARTS PROGRAM, WHICH ETA THEN HELPS FUND WITH ANNUAL GRANT. EACH PLAN IS UNIQUE, DESIGNED TO SUPPORT A PRINCIPAL-LED VISION, CENTERED ON CLEARLY ARTICULATED GOALS. ETA PROGRAM STAFF WORK AS CONSULTANTS TO PRINCIPALS, HELPING THEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC, STEP-BY-STEP, SUSTAINABLE PLAN, WITH BUILT-IN ASSESSMENT, AND A PRACTICAL BUDGET. FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN A PLAN: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, PLANNING TIME FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, IN-SCHOOL ARTIST RESIDENCIES, CLASS FIELD TRIPS, THE PURCHASE OF ARTS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. THE PROJECTED IMPACT FOR THIS PROGRAM IS TWOFOLD: (A) TO PROVIDE MORE RIGOROUS, STANDARDS-BASED ARTS TRAINING AND INCREASED ENGAGEMENT WITH CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO TRADITIONALLY UNDER-SERVED STUDENTS WHO HAVE LACKED ACCESS TO SUCH OPPORTUNITIES, AND (B) TO EMPOWER PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN QUALITY ARTS PROGRAMS IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC BUDGET CUTS AND MANDATED CURRICULUM AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS. (2) ETA'S TONY BENNETT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WAS CREATED TO HELP DEMYSTIFY THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD FOR STUDENTS WHO ASPIRE TO WORK IN THE ARTS AND CONNECT THEM WITH MENTORS IN THEIR FIELD OF INTEREST. WHILE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN OFTEN IDENTIFY CLEAR STEPS TOWARD A CAREER IN LAW, MEDICINE, OR EDUCATION, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY ARE OFTEN UNSURE OF HOW TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THE ARTS AND STRUGGLE WITH FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE FACE OF THEIR DREAMS. THE PROGRAM WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM WILL BE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTEND COLLEGE, WITH AN EXPANDED NETWORK OF TRUSTED, COLLEGE-EDUCATED ADULTS. (3) EXPLORING THE ARTS ISSUES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TUITION RELIEF FOR STUDENTS' FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE AT A 4-YEAR INSTITUTION. STUDENTS APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS ARE BASED ON MERIT AND NEED. EXPLORING THE ARTS ISSUES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TUITION RELIEF FOR SUMMER ARTS STUDY FOR RISING 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS AT ITS PARTNER SCHOOLS.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 1,366,674

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or 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>	22	Yes	
23	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>	23		No
24a	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 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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>	25a		No
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>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If so, complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	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>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	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>	32		No
33	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>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, 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>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	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>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. 86		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	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. 9		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	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)?		No
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		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	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 as charitable contributions?		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	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?	Yes	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	Yes	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. 		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. 		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders. 		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them). 		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. 		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	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. 		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand. 		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
14b	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 lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (10), 1b (10), 2 (Yes), 3 (No), 4 (No), 5 (No), 6 (No), 7a (No), 7b (No), 8a (Yes), 8b (Yes), 9 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (No), 10b, 11a (Yes), 11b, 12a (Yes), 12b (Yes), 12c (Yes), 13 (Yes), 14 (Yes), 15a (Yes), 15b (Yes), 16a (No), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 (List of states), 18 (Public inspection methods), 19 (Disclosure of governing documents), 20 (Person with books and records).

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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, or 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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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) SUSAN BENEDETTO PRESIDENT & FOUNDER	20 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) TONY BENNETT FOUNDER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) HOONG YEE LEE KRAKAUER SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) TED SARANDOS TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) GEORGE KAUFMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) IRIS CANTOR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) JOHN DESIDERIO DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) JOE LAURITA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) HAL ROSENBLUTH DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) HOLLY CAO DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) CHERI WALSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				135,450	0	263

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b					
	c	Fundraising events 1c	755,176				
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	1,049,518				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	1,804,694				
Program Service Revenue	2a	_____ Business Code _____					
	b	_____					
	c	_____					
	d	_____					
	e	_____					
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	63,550			63,550	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
			b Less rental expenses				
			c Rental income or (loss)				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			c Gain or (loss)				
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 755,176 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	229,254			
			b Less direct expenses b	229,254			
			c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	0			
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
		b Less cost of goods sold b					
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	OTHER INCOME	900099	552		552		
b	_____						
c	_____						
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		552				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		1,868,796	0	0	64,102	

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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	329,864	329,864		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	138,915	34,729	55,566	48,620
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	316,110	215,535	58,190	42,385
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	88,005	48,403	22,001	17,601
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	8,724		8,724	
b	Legal	30,000		30,000	
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	66,495			66,495
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	92,373	6,595	80,793	4,985
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	43,947	26,780	9,130	8,037
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	87,229	47,976	21,807	17,446
17	Travel	12,550	5,712	4,012	2,826
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,768	1,522	692	554
23	Insurance	8,336	4,585	2,084	1,667
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	STD DEV &SCHOOL SUP	627,529	627,529		
b	INDIRECT EVENT EXPENSES	59,339	16,078		43,261
c	PRINTING	23,555	332	1,908	21,315
d	POSTAGE	4,146	811	3,313	22
e	All other expenses	5,817	223	5,594	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,945,702	1,366,674	303,814	275,214
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,072,313	1	522,342
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	849,817	2	1,358,043
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	144,361	3	97,009
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	85,103	9	73,504
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 8,305		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 6,501	4,572	10c 1,804
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	1,592,396	11	1,687,880
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	5,950	15	5,950
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,754,512	16	3,746,532	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	52,699	17	46,754
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	2,500	19	30,000
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other 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		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	55,199	26	76,754
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,635,083	27	3,537,778
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	64,230	28	132,000
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	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 Total net assets or fund balances	3,699,313	33	3,669,778	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,754,512	34	3,746,532	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,868,796
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,945,702
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-76,906
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	3,699,313
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	48,871
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-1,500
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	3,669,778

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c 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	Yes	
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?		No
3b 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		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

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.**
▶ **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at**
www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
EXPLORING THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number
13-4069251

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 - Non-functionally integrated
- 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?

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

(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?
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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2,184,298	1,143,920	2,030,411	2,016,018	1,049,518	8,424,165
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to 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	2,184,298	1,143,920	2,030,411	2,016,018	1,049,518	8,424,165
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)						200,511
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						8,223,654

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	2,184,298	1,143,920	2,030,411	2,016,018	1,049,518	8,424,165
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,511	25,230	37,061	47,069	112,421	225,292
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)						8,649,457

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 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 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	95.080%
15 Public support percentage for 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	96.840%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2012. 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—2013. 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—2012. 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 year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** 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—2012.** 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.** 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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions. Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EXPLORING THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number 13-4069251

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a Public exhibition, b Scholarly research, c Preservation for future generations, d Loan or exchange programs, e Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows 1a-1g.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment, b Permanent endowment, c Temporarily restricted endowment. The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

Table with 3 columns: Description (3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b) and Yes/No

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows 1a-1e and Total.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,917,667
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a 48,871		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	48,871
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,868,796
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	1,868,796

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,945,702
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,945,702
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	1,945,702

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	ETA HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION ("ASC") TOPIC 740, INCOME TAXES, WHICH PROVIDES STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING AND CLASSIFYING ANY TAX PROVISION FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS ETA IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FEDERAL OR STATE AND LOCAL TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS BEFORE 2011

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

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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.

Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EXPLORING THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number 13-4069251

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.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and email solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual... Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements...

Table with 6 columns: (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.

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

NY, CA

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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>NY GALA</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	984,430			984,430
	2 Less Contributions	755,176			755,176
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	229,254			229,254
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	141,291			141,291
	8 Entertainment	87,963			87,963
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(229,254)
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				0	

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))
		1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
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) ▶					
8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶					

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 _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

.....

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes 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? Yes 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 ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

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 distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. 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).

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, COLUMN (V)	ETA RAISES FUNDS THROUGH GRANT APPLICATION, DIRECT APPEALS, ANNUAL NYC GALA, AND ADDITIONAL SMALLER EVENTS THOUGHOUT THE YEAR

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

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

Attach to Form 990

Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EXPLORING THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number

13-4069251

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 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. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC Code 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.

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS	102	329,864		CASH	

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	WHEN ISSUING SCHOLARSHIPS, ETA DEVELOPS AND DISSEMINATES AN APPLICATION THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR ONE-TIME COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ATTEND SUMMER ARTS CONSERVATORIES IN ADDITION, TEACHERS MAY APPLY FOR SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THE ETA STAFF AND BOARD PRESIDENT ARE ULTIMATE DECISION-MAKERS ON ALL SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AWARDED THE COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IS ISSUED DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THE STUDENT WILL BE ATTENDING THE ETA STAFF COMMUNICATES DIRECTLY WITH THE INSTITUTION TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS ARE RECEIVED AND APPLIED TO THE STUDENTS' TUITION FOR THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR THE SAME PROCESS APPLIES FOR THE SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER CONSERVATORY PROGRAMS THE TEACHERS THAT RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ARE ASKED TO GIVE ETA AN EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM AND TO UPDATE ETA WHEN HE/SHE IS IMPLEMENTING THE TECHNIQUES LEARNED IN THEIR CLASSROOM

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

2013

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
EXPLORING THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number

13-4069251

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	TONY BENNETT AND SUSAN BENEDETTO ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THEN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	<p>THE STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR FOR EXPLORING THE ARTS IS THAT ALL STAFF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ON ONE HAND, AND PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND BUSINESS INTERESTS ON THE OTHER</p> <p>ETA'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY INCLUDES AVOIDING POTENTIAL AND ACTUAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AS WELL AS PERCEPTIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THE PURPOSES OF THE POLICY ARE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ENABLE OUR FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND CONSTITUENTS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR INTEGRITY AND TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND REPUTATIONS OF STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES UPON OR BEFORE ELECTION HIRING OR APPOINTMENT PARTICIPANTS WILL MAKE A FULL WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS, RELATIONSHIPS AND HOLDINGS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THIS WRITTEN DISCLOSURE WILL BE KEPT ON FILE AND UPDATED WHEN APPROPRIATE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD IN THE COURSE OF MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DISCLOSE ANY INTERESTS IN A TRANSACTION OR DECISION WHERE HE OR SHE (INCLUDING ANY BUSINESS OR OTHER NONPROFIT AFFILIATIONS), FAMILY AND/OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, EMPLOYER OR CLOSE ASSOCIATES WILL RECEIVE A BENEFIT OR GAIN AFTER DISCLOSURE DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES A PARTICIPANT MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR A PARTICULAR DISCUSSION AND SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THAT MATTER</p>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	<p>THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES COMPENSATION FOR ALL STAFF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEVELOPS AN ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET WITH ANY SALARY CHANGES WHICH ARE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON BY THE BOARD</p>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST
FORM 990 PART XII, LINE 2C	THERE WAS NO CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR