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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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OMB No 1545-0047
2015
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

- B** Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
World Chess Museum Inc
% LINDA DAVIS
Doing business as
WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
4652 MARYLAND AVENUE
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ST LOUIS, MO 63108

D Employer identification number
27-1280023

E Telephone number
(314) 367-9243

G Gross receipts \$ 4,085,197

F Name and address of principal officer
ANDREW WALKER
4652 MARYLAND AVENUE
ST LOUIS, MO 63108

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No Yes
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.WORLDCHESSHOF.ORG

H(c) Group exemption number
L Year of formation 2009
M State of legal domicile MO

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO EDUCATE VISITORS, FANS, PLAYERS AND SCHOLARS BY COLLECTING, PRESERVING, EXHIBITING, AND INTERPRETING THE GAME OF CHESS AND ITS CONTINUING CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC SIGNIFICANCE

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	6
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	6
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	43
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	6
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	17,950
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	3,527,388	3,921,948
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	25,397	8,776
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	56,396	107,854
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,609,181	4,038,578

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,150	0
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	777,476	824,492
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	23,383	18,481
16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) \blacktriangleright 125,099		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	2,709,019	3,116,821
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,511,028	3,959,794
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	98,153	78,784

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,155,614	1,191,951
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	290,802	256,489
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	864,812	935,462

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: *****
Date: 2016-11-15
SHEILA MANION TREASURER
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: Donna J Larson
Preparer's signature: Donna J Larson
Date: 2016-11-01
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P00043751
Firm's name: BKD LLP
Firm's EIN:
Firm's address: 211 N BROADWAY SUITE 600
Phone no: (314) 231-5544
ST LOUIS, MO 631022733

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

THE MISSION OF THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM IS TO EDUCATE VISITORS, FANS, PLAYERS AND SCHOLARS BY COLLECTING, PRESERVING, EXHIBITING AND INTERPRETING THE GAME OF CHESS AND ITS CONTINUING CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC SIGNIFICANCE

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 \$ 1,805,316	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 63,099)
<p>The World Chess Hall of Fame creates engaging exhibitions celebrating the game of chess, its history, and its impact on art and culture. Through these exhibitions and innovative educational programming, the WCHOF hopes to popularize chess among a new and diverse audience. The WCHOF also seeks to serve as a repository for artifacts related to the rich history of the game of chess. A Memorable Life: A Glimpse into the Complex Mind of Bobby Fischer July 24 2014 June 7 2015 A Memorable Life: A Glimpse into the Complex Mind of Bobby Fischer explores the brilliant career of one of the greatest American chess players of all time. Newly donated artifacts from the collection of the World Chess Hall of Fame and never-before-exhibited materials from the Fischer Library of Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefeld highlight some of the chess champions' most significant accomplishments. Living Like Kings: The Unexpected Collision of Chess and Hip Hop Culture October 9, 2014 April 26, 2015 Living Like Kings examined the unexpected but vibrant intersections between chess and hip hop culture. Inspired by the work of Adisa Banjoko and the Bay Area-based peace and knowledge-promoting Hip-Hop Chess Federation, the exhibition was centered on an immersive, multimedia experience created by Saint Louis artist Benjamin Kaplan and produced by Nicole Hudson. The piece incorporates archival footage and original videos, music, photography, custom-designed type and illustrations, and a series of interviews with figures from both the hip hop and chess worlds. Wall murals completed by Peat "EYEZ" Wollaeger complemented Kaplan's work. With an emphasis on experiences of Saint Louis talent and experts, Living Like Kings celebrates themes that the two communities share: history, strategy, spirituality, process, creativity, education, and symbolism. Living Like Kings: The Learning Lab October 9, 2014 April 26, 2015 From fall 2014 through spring 2015, WCHOF's second floor gallery served as a companion Learning Lab for the Living Like Kings exhibition. The lab allowed visitors to participate in the show through interactive music and video stations, hands-on art opportunities, and educational presentations. Marcel Dzama: Mischief Makes a Move May 14, 2015 October 18, 2015 Described as a "Dadaist love story," Une danse des bouffons (or A jester's dance) is Marcel Dzama's fictionalized account of the real-life romantic affair between the Dada artist and chess master Marcel Duchamp and the Brazilian sculptor Maria Martins. Featuring musician Kim Gordon of Sonic Youth, Belgian actress and model Hannelore Knuts (both playing the role of Martins in alternating versions of the film), and a surreal panoply of elements derived from art, dance, and chess, Mischief Makes a Move is an exploration of the mythological figure known as the Trickster, whose pranks frequently blur the line between good and evil. Commissioned by the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival, Une danse has been shown at the Kunstmuseum Thun in Switzerland, the David Zwirner Gallery in New York, and in Saint Louis at the World Chess Hall of Fame. Created as an homage to the famed Canadian filmmaker David Cronenberg, the film also includes references to Dzama's artistic heroes including Duchamp, Francis Picabia, Joseph Beuys, Francisco de Goya, and Oskar Schlemmer, among others. The score is composed by Will Butler, Jeremy Gara, and Tim Kingsbury—all members of the band Arcade Fire. Centered on Une danse, Mischief Makes a Move includes sculptures, masks, dioramas, and works on paper inspired by the film as well as a chess set created exclusively for this exhibition. Additional works in the show include the videos Robot Chess (2014), which is on view in the gallery, and Death Disco Dance (2011). Displayed in the front window of the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF), the latter work presents an array of dancers dressed as chess pieces to visitors and passersby at the Saint Louis Chess Campus. In 2012, the WCHOF was honored to serve as the venue for the artists' first solo exhibition in the Midwest titled Marcel Dzama: The End Game. The WCHOF was proud to bring Dzama, whose work beautifully complements our mission to celebrate the intersection of culture, art, history, and chess, back to Saint Louis. Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection May 14, 2015 October 18, 2015 Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection revisits one of the most stunning chess collections in the United States. Focusing solely on antique ivory sets and boards, this exhibition showcased the incredible range and use of the highly sought-after and now, very controversial medium. Used for thousands of years to create decorative and utilitarian objects, ivory's monetary value is reflected in its nickname "white gold." Skilled artisans have transformed the tusks of mammoths, elephants, and walrus (among other animals) into highly decorative and prized possessions. The materials' creamy white color and hard texture lent itself well to the creation of musical instrument components, religious icons, combs, jewelry, and gaming pieces—especially chess sets and embellished boxes and boards. Artists and craftspeople created both solid, simple playing sets and elaborate and delicately carved ornamental sets from the treasured material. This exhibition showcased ivory pieces and related objects from one of the greatest collections of chess sets in the United States. They date from the 16th through 20th centuries. By examining the over 80 chess sets, and numerous boards and tables included in Encore! Ivory Chess Treasures from the Jon Crumiller Collection, visitors to the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) were able to study the evolution of the game of chess during this time, appreciate the fantastic craftsmanship of each object, and learn about different artistic techniques from cultures around the globe. This exhibition also created a discussion about the beauty and cultural value of the antique sets as well as the importance of laws that safeguard the remaining animal populations. Battle on the Board: Chess during World War II June 25, 2015 January 17, 2016 Though chess is often perceived as a game of war, it also serves as a means of passing long hours or as an aid in recuperation for members of the military. Battle on the Board: Chess during World War II provides insight into how a game modeled upon battle can provide a sense of home and community as well as demonstrating the dramatic changes the war brought to the game. The exhibition includes prisoner of war chess sets from the collections of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and National Museum of the United States Air Force, archival material from the John G. White Chess Collection at the Cleveland Public Library, and highlights from the collection of the World Chess Hall of Fame. Ladies, Knight: A Female Perspective on Chess October 29, 2015 May 1, 2016 Ladies, Knight: A Female Perspective on Chess examines how a game often dominated by men inspires contemporary artists. The exhibition presents works by Crystal Fischetti, Debbie Han, Barbara Kruger, Liliya Lfanova, Goshka Macuga, Sophie Matisse, Yoko Ono, Daniela Raytchev, Jennifer Shahade, Yuko Suga, Diana Thater, and Rachel Whiteread. Their diverse interpretations of the game range from the playful and feminine to the serious, and encourage dialogue about subjects like crime, language, peace and conflict, and inequality. The World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) endeavors to present exhibitions that honor the games' pioneers, reflect its significant cultural impact, and appeal to a wide audience. In 2015 and 2016, the WCHOF is launching an initiative to encourage more women to take up the game. In February 2016, we will open another exhibition, Her Turn: Revolutionary Women of Chess, which will explore key historic moments in women's chess history. Supporting these two exhibitions about women, the WCHOF provided an array of programming for all ages and groups with chess classes and tournaments for girls and women, beginners' classes taught by female chess stars, and lectures and entertaining evening programs with the help of its sister organization, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis Kings, Queens & Castles October 31, 2015 September 11, 2016 The World Chess Hall of Fame is pleased to present Kings, Queens & Castles, an innovative exhibition which brings the chess board to life and provides an engaging introduction to individual chess pieces and game strategy. Commissioned by the World Chess Hall of Fame, the exhibition was developed in partnership with The Magic House. Following its debut at the World Chess Hall of Fame, it will travel to select Children's Museums nationally. Explore a castle, become your favorite chess piece on a life-size board, and create your own crown, all while learning about one of the world's oldest and best-loved games. The World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) is pleased to</p>				

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 249,685	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 8,034)
<p>EDUCATION AND EVENTS IN KEEPING WITH ITS MISSION OF INTERPRETING THE GAME OF CHESS AND ITS CONTINUING CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC SIGNIFICANCE, THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME OFFERED LOW-COST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES. THESE INCLUDE FAMILY DAYS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, WHICH SEEK TO INTRODUCE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 5-12 TO THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME THROUGH FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOURS OF CURRENT EXHIBITIONS AND A RELATED ART PROJECT (TOTAL ATTENDANCE 64). IN ADDITION WE OFFERED PROGRAMMING ON TUESDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 AND THEIR PARENTS THAT WAS GEARED TO THE TODDLERS' ABILITIES (TOTAL ATTENDANCE 232). THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME OFFERS BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EVENTS THAT PROMOTE AND WORK WITH THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION TO POPULARIZE THE SPORT OF CHESS IN NUMEROUS ARTISTIC WAYS. MANY PUBLIC EVENTS WITH THE WCHOF HOSTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY. IN THE EVENING, THE ORGANIZATION HELD EIGHTEEN ADULT PROGRAMMING EVENTS WITH VISITING ARTISTS, SCHOLARS, CURATORS, AND CHESS PROFESSIONALS (TOTAL ATTENDANCE 443). CONCERTS WERE HELD ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH TO BRING PEOPLE INTO THE HALL OF FAME AND EXPERIENCE THE CULTURAL ASPECT OF CHESS (TOTAL ATTENDANCE 887). ALSO IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CENTER OF SAINT LOUIS, THE WCHOF HOSTED JOINT FIELD TRIPS THAT INCLUDED VISITS AND TOURS OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS (TOTAL ATTENDANCE 536). THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. IN 2015, OVER 10,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE REACHED BY PARTICIPATING IN FESTIVALS AND PARTNERSHIPS, WHICH SHOWCASED THE EDUCATIONAL AND ARTISTIC OUTREACH MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION.</p>				

4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 181,282	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 89,365)
<p>RETAIL STORE SUPPORTS THE MISSION OF THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME BY OFFERING CHESS AND CHESS RELATED MERCHANDISE AND MERCHANDISE RELATED TO OR SUPPORTING THE ITEMS ON DISPLAY IN THE HALL OF FAME AND IN THE EXHIBITION HALLS AS WELL AS MERCHANDISE INTENDED TO ATTRACT VISITORS TO THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME.</p>				

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 2,236,283

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 20b regarding organizational requirements and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

<p>21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>24a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?</p>	<p>24b</p>	
<p>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?</p>	<p>24c</p>	
<p>d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?</p>	<p>24d</p>	
<p>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</p>		
<p>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></p>	<p>25a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>25b</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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 "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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)</p>		
<p>a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28b</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>28c</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i></p>	<p>31</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>32</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>33</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>34</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?</p>	<p>35a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>35b</p>	
<p>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></p>	<p>36</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>37</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>38</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and health insurance issuers.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	Yes	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	Yes	
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶
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- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
 ▶ LINDA DAVIS 325 N EUCLID SAINT LOUIS, MO 63108 (314) 367-9243

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns 1a _____					
	b Membership dues 1b _____ 4,969					
	c Fundraising events 1c _____					
	d Related organizations 1d _____					
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e _____					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 3,916,979					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ 38,713					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		3,921,948			
Program Service Revenue	2a MUSEUM ADMISSIONS _____ Business Code 713990	8,596	8,596			
	b OTHER PROGRAM FEES _____ 611710	180	180			
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue _____					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		8,776			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	0				
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶	0				
	5 Royalties ▶	0				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real 500				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss) 500 0				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		500		500	
	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) ▶		0			
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a 2,250					
		b Less direct expenses b _____				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶			2,250		2,250	
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 ▶		0			
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a 89,351						
	b Less cost of goods sold b 46,619					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶		42,732	24,782	17,950	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE _____ 900099		62,372	62,372			
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		62,372				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		4,038,578	95,930	17,950	2,750	

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	109,360	106,610	2,750	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	577,840	473,220	41,312	63,308
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	12,544	10,035	2,007	502
9	Other employee benefits	63,133	48,207	11,941	2,985
10	Payroll taxes	61,615	44,458	11,931	5,226
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	90,000	27,000	54,000	9,000
b	Legal	1,435,108	113,352	1,321,756	
c	Accounting	23,472		23,472	
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	18,481			18,481
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	433,557	394,215	18,771	20,571
12	Advertising and promotion	79,660	76,449	2,861	350
13	Office expenses	153,523	132,811	17,087	3,625
14	Information technology	46,320	38,910	7,410	
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	443,410	372,634	70,769	7
17	Travel	26,856	24,831	2,003	22
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,835	1,735		100
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	263,644	263,644		
23	Insurance	8,131	6,212	1,858	61
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	ITEMS FOR EXHIBITION DISPLAY	20,774	20,774		
b	MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	64,684	59,543	4,546	595
c	INVENTORY REDUCTION	15,404	14,779	625	
d	SKILLS ASSESSMENT & REVIEW	7,995	6,864	865	266
e	All other expenses	2,448		2,448	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,959,794	2,236,283	1,598,412	125,099
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	291,238	1	300,571
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	37,053	3	15,311
	4 Accounts receivable, net	9,420	4	825
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	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	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	66,051	8	71,643
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	58,578	9	44,398
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,026,197		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 646,791	552,001	10c 379,406
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	141,273	15	379,797
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,155,614	16	1,191,951	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	288,843	17	253,747
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	1,959	19	2,742
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	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	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	290,802	26	256,489
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	845,765	27	935,462
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	19,047	28	0
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	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	864,812	33	935,462	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,155,614	34	1,191,951	

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	4,038,578
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,959,794
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	78,784
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	864,812
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-8,134
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	935,462

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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" 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		No
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.
 Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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 Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
 World Chess Museum Inc

Employer identification number
 27-1280023

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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations 1
 - g 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 (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	Amount of other support (see (vi) instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A) CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CENTER OF SAINT LOUIS	260844268		Yes		2,055,001	0
Total 1					2,055,001	

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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants.)						
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						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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 type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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—2015. 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 VI 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—2014. 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 VI 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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 VI.)						
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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>	Yes	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		No
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		No
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		No
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		No
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	Yes	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		No
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		No
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		No
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		No
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		No
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		No
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		No
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		No
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		No

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year?
If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?
If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2		No

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?
If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization?
If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?
If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)
 - The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
 - The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
 - The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive?
If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
- b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in?
If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.

3 Parent of Supported Organizations **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1	
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5 Depreciation and depletion	5	
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6 Multiply line 5 by 0.35	6	
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount

		Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013. _____			
e From 2014. _____			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7			
\$ _____			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013. _____			
d From 2014. _____			
e From 2015. _____			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART IV, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE WORLD CHESS MUSEUM PAID LEGAL FEES TO ORGANIZE THE "GRAND CHESS TOUR", A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ORGANIZED TO FOSTER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR COMPETITION IN THE SPORT OF CHESS THE GRAND CHESS TOUR RECEIVED A FAVORABLE DETERMINATION LETTER FROM THE IRS THAT IT QUALIFIES AS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION THE EXEMPT PURPOSE OF THE GRAND CHESS TOUR SUPPORTS THE EXEMPT PURPOSES OF THE CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CENTER OF ST LOUIS, THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD CHESS MUSEUM

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
World Chess Museum Inc
Employer identification number
27-1280023

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	
d 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? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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)? Yes No

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" on 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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____ 72,605

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____ 66,000

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" on 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
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? 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.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 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 on 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
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 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.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		398,704	308,044	90,660
d Equipment		280,669	158,059	122,610
e Other		346,824	180,688	166,136
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				379,406

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	4,096,110
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	57,532	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	57,532
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	4,038,578
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	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	4,038,578

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	4,006,413
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	46,619	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	46,619
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	3,959,794
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	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	3,959,794

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 XI, LINE 2D	RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE PER AUDITED F/S WITH REVENUE PER RETURN COST OF GOODS SOLD \$ 46,619 NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION \$ 10,913 ----- ----- TOTAL \$ 57,532

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2	FIN 48 DISCLOSURE MANAGEMENT HAS EVALUATED THEIR INCOME TAX POSITIONS UNDER THE GUIDANCE INCLUDED IN ASC 740 BASED ON THEIR REVIEW, MANAGEMENT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS TO BE RECORDED OR DISCLOSED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 4	DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION AND PURPOSE WORLD'S LARGEST CHESS PIECE - ART PIECE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE THE HALL OF FAME TO ATTRACT VISITORS TO THE HALL OF FAME AND BRING INTEREST TO THE GAME OF CHESS

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

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

▶ 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
World Chess Museum Inc

Employer identification number

27-1280023

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 THE ROME GROUP	DEVELOPMENT		No		13,650	
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total					13,650	

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.

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Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				

Part III Gaming.

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

		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash 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 conducts gaming activities _____

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

b If "No," explain _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

11 Does the organization conduct 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 conducted 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
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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) MARYLAND PROPERTIES	REX SINQUEFIELD IS >35%	270,000	RENT		No
(2) MP	OWNER				

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990**

Name of the organization: World Chess Museum Inc
Employer identification number: 27-1280023

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures	X	7	38,713	DONOR VAL/APPRaisal
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (_____)				
26 Other ▶ (_____)				
27 Other ▶ (_____)				
28 Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement 29 1

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	Yes	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

Part II Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference

Explanation

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

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Name of the organization
World Chess Museum Inc

Employer identification number

27-1280023

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	FAMILY OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS REX SINQUEFIELD HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH SHEILA MANION AND JENNIFER SHAHADE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3	DELEGATION OF CONTROL OF MANAGEMENT DUTIES THE ORGANIZATION DELEGATES CONTROL OVER MANAGEMENT DUTIES TO JOY BRAY OF CHI CHI LLC

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	POWER TO APPOINT MEMBERS ALL OF THE DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED, DESIGNATED, AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CHESS CLUB, THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNING BODY ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY OF THE CHESS CLUB, THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION > TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE THE PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION, > TO APPROVE ANY SALE, PURCHASE, LEASE OR ENCUMBRANCE OF REAL PROPERTY, > TO AMEND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS OF THE CORPORATION, > TO APPROVE THE MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, LIQUIDATION, OR DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, > TO DETERMINE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION IN A MANNER NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ORGANIZATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	REVIEW PROCESS PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCES REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE RETURN AND SUBMIT THE DRAFT TO THE BOARD THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PROVIDED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THE POLICY COVERS ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER, MANAGER, KEY EMPLOYEE, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH GOVERNING BOARD DELEGATED POWER, WHO HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN AN ENTITY THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE ORGANIZATION THE ACTUAL CONFLICT WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND THE PERSON WITH A CONFLICT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE DISCUSSION OF AND VOTING ON THE CONFLICT

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A & 15B	PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION THE BOARD HAS ESTABLISHED A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MADE UP OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO ANNUALLY REVIEW AND APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF THE DIRECTORS AND CERTAIN SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS AS PART OF THE PROCESS, THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS COMPARABLE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS DATA OF SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, ALONG WITH PERFORMANCE RESULTS OF THE ORGANIZATION
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	AVAILABILITY OF ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS THE ORGANIZATION MAKES THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	DETAIL OF OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES ARTIST FEES \$ 25,950 AUDIO/VISUAL 12,043 CONSULTING 73,587 CURATOR 6,000 EVENT PLANNER 14,123 EXHIBIT INSTALL/DEINSTALL 910 MARKETING 56,650 MOVING CONTRACTOR 530 OUTSIDE CONTRACT SERVICES 10,221 PAYROLL PROCESSING FEE 3,944 PHOTOGRAPHY 28,218 PUBLIC RELATIONS 34,428 PRINTING 41,480 RESEARCH 7,270 SECURITY 43,565 SIGNAGE 4,785 TRANSPORTATION/SHIPPING 64,650 VALET PARKING 1,560 MISCELLANEOUS OUTSIDE SERVICES 3,643 ----- TOTAL FEES FOR OTHER SERVICES \$ 433,557
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES REDUCTION OF EXPECTED GRANT FUNDING \$ (8,134) ----- TOTAL \$ (8,134)

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

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Open to Public Inspection

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
World Chess Museum Inc

Employer identification number

27-1280023

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CENTER OF STL 4657 MARYLAND AVENUE ST LOUIS, MO 63108 26-0844268	EDUCATION	MO	501(C)(3)	2	NA		No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
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- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l	Yes	
1m	Yes	
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r		No
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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