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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-1150

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 12/31, 2016, and ending 12/31, 2016

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization **hc**

Arete Living Arts Foundation

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) **hc**

64 Dupont St

Room/suite

2L

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Brooklyn, NY 11222

D Employer identification number **hc**

05-055225 Z

E Telephone number

718-349-1681

F Group Exemption

Number ▶ **hc**

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not

I Website: ▶ **www.aretelivingarts.org**

required to attach Schedule B **hc**
(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) **hc**

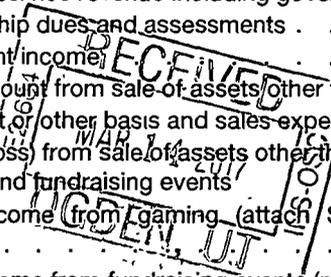
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	15036
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	127720
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
4	Investment income	4	0
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	142756
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	3600
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits hc	12	0
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors hc	13	6608
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	114468
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	796
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) hc	16	12941
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	138413
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4343
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	2272
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	6615

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

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O

Table with columns Yes, No and row 33 with a checkmark in the No column.

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)

Table with columns Yes, No and row 34 with a checkmark in the No column.

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?

Table with columns Yes, No and row 35a with a checkmark in the No column.

b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

Table with columns Yes, No and row 35b.

c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

Table with columns Yes, No and row 35c.

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N

Table with columns Yes, No and row 36 with a checkmark in the No column.

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions

37a 0

Table with columns Yes, No and row 37a.

b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

Table with columns Yes, No and row 37b with a checkmark in the No column.

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?

Table with columns Yes, No and row 38a with a checkmark in the No column.

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved

38b

Table with columns Yes, No and row 38b.

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9

39a

Table with columns Yes, No and row 39a.

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities

39b

Table with columns Yes, No and row 39b.

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0; section 4912 0; section 4955 0

b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

Table with columns Yes, No and row 40b with a checkmark in the No column.

c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958

40c

Table with columns Yes, No and row 40c.

d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization

40d

Table with columns Yes, No and row 40d.

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T

Table with columns Yes, No and row 40e with a checkmark in the No column.

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed New York

42a The organization's books are in care of John Qhiteman Telephone no. 718-349-1681 Located at 64 Duont St 2L Brooklyn, NY ZIP + 4 11222

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:

Table with columns Yes, No and row 42b with a checkmark in the No column.

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:

Table with columns Yes, No and row 42c with a checkmark in the No column.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041-Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 0

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

Table with columns Yes, No and row 44a with a checkmark in the No column.

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

Table with columns Yes, No and row 44b with a checkmark in the No column.

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?

Table with columns Yes, No and row 44c with a checkmark in the No column.

d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

Table with columns Yes, No and row 44d.

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

Table with columns Yes, No and row 45a with a checkmark in the No column.

b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

Table with columns Yes, No and row 45b with a checkmark in the No column.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with columns Yes, No and row 46 with a checkmark in the No column.

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

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 47 with a checkmark in the No column.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 48 with a checkmark in the No column.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 49a with a checkmark in the No column.

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

Table with columns Yes, No and row 49b with a checkmark in the No column.

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 NONE

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 NONE

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: John Whiteman, Date: 2/27/16, Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer Use Only Preparer's name, signature, date, firm's name, address, EIN, and phone no.

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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 www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
Arete Living Arts Foundation

Employer identification number
05-055252

Other expenses 990EZ - line 16

Local Transportation - 495.43

Program and office supplies - 8273.08

Insurance - 1914.76

Entertainment - 127.20

Meals - 222.13

Bank fees - 29.42

Auto - 619.45

Travel - 1259.46

Recording Studios - 160