

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
2016
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2016, and ending 09-30-2017

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

C Name of organization
The Santa Fe Opera

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 2408

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Santa Fe, NM 87504

D Employer identification number
85-0131810

E Telephone number
(505) 986-5955

G Gross receipts \$ 24,129,263

F Name and address of principal officer
Susan G Marineau
PO Box 2408
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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

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

J Website: ▶ <https://www.santafeopera.org/>

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1957

M State of legal domicile
NM

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO FOSTER AND ENRICH AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE OPERATIC ART FORM

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)	46
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	46
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	641
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1,397
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	491,388
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	-4,241

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	13,316,509	10,272,466
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,572,983	10,385,991
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,197,109	1,016,355
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	944,805	1,219,780
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	26,031,406	22,894,592
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	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)	10,789,791	11,347,635
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 2,189,193		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	13,409,355	14,709,500
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	24,199,146	26,057,135
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,832,260	-3,162,543

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	117,308,062	117,358,849
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,166,303	1,834,218
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	114,141,759	115,524,631

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 2018-08-13

HEATHER KEMP DIRECTOR OF ACCTG & FINANCE
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name Pamela Alexanderson	Preparer's signature Pamela Alexanderson	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01218925
Firm's name ▶ Moss Adams LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 91-0189318	
Firm's address ▶ 6565 Americas Parkway NE Ste 600 Albuquerque, NM 87110			Phone no (505) 878-7200	

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

TO FURTHER THE OPERATIC ART FORM BY PRESENTING ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY IN A VARIED REPERTOIRE OF NEW AS WELL AS RARELY PERFORMED AND STANDARD WORKS, TO ENSURE EXCELLENCE OF OPERA'S FUTURE THROUGH ITS APPRENTICE PROGRAMS FOR ARTISTS, TECHNICIANS AND ARTS ADMINISTRATORS, AND TO FOSTER AND ENRICH AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR OPERA IN THE COMMUNITY BY OUTREACH TO A DIVERSE PUBLIC

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 \$ 17,244,572 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 10,155,752)
See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,436,007 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 593,075)
See Additional Data

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 18,680,579

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
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>		No
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>		No
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>	Yes	
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>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	Yes	
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>	Yes	
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
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>		No
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, charitable contributions, and organizational details.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O See instructions

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (46); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (46); 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? (No); 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b 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.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 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? (No); 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? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); b 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (NM, NY); 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, [X] Another's website, [X] 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 (THE ORGANIZATION 301 OPERA DRIVE SANTA FE, NM 87506 (505) 986-5955)

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					
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c	508,644				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	235,365				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	9,528,457				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____		1,523,967				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		10,272,466				
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a PERFORMANCE ADMISSIONS	711110	8,648,560	8,648,560			
	b AUXILIARY OPERATIONS	711110	1,737,431	1,654,660	82,771		
	c _____						
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		10,385,991					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,003,093		-143,401	1,146,494	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties		2,082			2,082	
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		567,939	15,782				
		b Less rental expenses	406,378	2,539			
		c Rental income or (loss)	161,561	13,243			
	d Net rental income or (loss)			174,804		174,804	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		351,390					
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	338,128				
		c Gain or (loss)	13,262				
	d Net gain or (loss)			13,262		13,262	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 508,644 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	182,675				
		b Less direct expenses	b	167,216			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				15,459		15,459	
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	415,076					
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	320,410				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			94,666	46,956	47,710	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a ADVERTISING REVENUE	511120	339,780		339,780			
b Box Office Service Cha	711110	245,651	245,651				
c SPONSORSHIP REVENUE	611710	112,607		112,607			
d All other revenue		234,731	153,000	51,921	29,810		
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		932,769					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		22,894,592	10,748,827	491,388	1,381,911		

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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,443,230	567,126	422,176	453,928
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	7,952,943	6,206,908	1,103,611	642,424
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	334,499	179,092	108,171	47,236
9 Other employee benefits.	918,164	614,478	183,392	120,294
10 Payroll taxes.	698,799	520,199	106,241	72,359
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management.				
b Legal.	215,787		215,787	
c Accounting.	106,402		106,402	
d Lobbying.	25,995		25,995	
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.	125,944		125,944	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	3,155,257	3,052,782	95,868	6,607
12 Advertising and promotion.	686,178	600,453	56,267	29,458
13 Office expenses.	765,662	537,992	126,264	101,406
14 Information technology.	258,209	149,495	97,236	11,478
15 Royalties.	19,701	19,701		
16 Occupancy.	1,040,997	641,400	399,597	
17 Travel.	2,127,286	2,071,351	36,866	19,069
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	12,221		12,221	
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	34,823	16,178	10,753	7,892
20 Interest.	1,390		1,390	
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	2,544,000	965,980	1,578,020	
23 Insurance.	345,307	155,493	189,814	
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 COSTUMES, SCENERY, PROP	1,390,385	1,390,385		
b EDUCATION PROGRAMS	831,464	118,750	77,463	635,251
c AUXILIARY EXPENSE	478,863	478,863		
d MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	320,053	191,760	86,880	41,413
e All other expenses	223,576	202,193	21,005	378
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	26,057,135	18,680,579	5,187,363	2,189,193
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 IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,625,228	2	3,650,616
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	12,816,577	3	10,362,903
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,211,336	4	795,997
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	60,859	8	88,117
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,149,097	9	629,675
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	81,265,586		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	27,626,967		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	36,854,908	11	43,074,731
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	6,933,507	12	4,674,427
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	461,764	15	443,764
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	117,308,062	16	117,358,849	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,110,546	17	770,649
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	1,034,352	19	820,250
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	730,532	24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	290,873	25	243,319
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	3,166,303	26	1,834,218
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	61,408,917	27	61,121,316
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	10,565,868	28	12,343,883
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	42,166,974	29	42,059,432
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. 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	114,141,759	33	115,524,631
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	117,308,062	34	117,358,849

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	22,894,592
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	26,057,135
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-3,162,543
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	114,141,759
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	4,700,131
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	-154,716
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	115,524,631

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
<p>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</p>		
<p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>		No
<p>b 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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	Yes	
<p>c 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</p>	Yes	
<p>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?</p>		No
<p>b 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</p>		

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST IMPORTANT SUMMER FESTIVALS, THE SANTA FE OPERA IS PRAISED FOR ITS INNOVATIVE REPERTORY AND HIGH STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE. IN THE 2017 FESTIVAL SEASON, there were 39 PERFORMANCES OF 5 OPERAS: DIE FLEDERMAUS BY JOHANN STRAUSS II, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR BY GAETANO DONIZETTI, THE GOLDEN COCKEREL BY NIKOLAI RIMSKY-KORSAKOV, THE WORLD PREMIERE OF THE (R)EVOLUTION OF STEVE JOBS BY MASON BATES, and ALCINA BY GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL. 2 PERFORMANCES OF APPRENTICE SCENES SHOWCASED MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY'S APPRENTICE PROGRAM FOR SINGERS AND TECHNICIANS. THE TOTAL AUDIENCE WAS 74,664. THE OPERA'S FAMED APPRENTICE PROGRAM OF SINGERS, ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST DISTINGUISHED TRAINING PROGRAMS, ALLOWS 44 ASPIRING YOUNG SINGERS, CHOSEN FROM SOME 800 APPLICANTS, TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS BY WORKING WITH PRINCIPAL ARTISTS, MUSIC TEACHERS, AND COACHES. THE APPRENTICE PROGRAM FOR TECHNICIANS PROVIDES EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING FOR SOME 86 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ART OF STAGECRAFT.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

VIA THE SANTA FE OPERA'S EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS, DIVERSE AND FREE OFFERINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOUTH, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES IN 2017, 51,435 INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED, 37,239 ADULTS AND 14,196 YOUTHS PROGRAMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING THE PUEBLO OPERA PROGRAM BRINGS STUDENTS, ELDERS, AND CHAPERONES TO A FINAL DRESS REHEARSALS OF OPERAS BEGUN IN 1973, 19 PUEBLOS AND 3 RESERVATIONS ATTEND THESE FULLY-STAGED PRODUCTIONS PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAM ALSO ATTEND A FINAL DRESS REHEARSALS STUDENTS IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVE LEARNING THROUGH OPERA PROGRAM WORK WITH ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE TO EXPLORE LEARNING THROUGH THE PERFORMING ARTS, OFTEN WRITING, PRODUCING, AND PERFORMING THEIR OWN OPERAS BOTH IN-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL ALONGSIDE TEACHERS RECEIVING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ARTS INTEGRATION THE SPRING TOUR IS AN INTRODUCTION TO OPERA VIA PERFORMANCES IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO BACKSTAGE TOURS IN THE OPERA'S THEATER ARE OFFERED DURING THE WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL SEASON COMMUNITY CONCERTS FEATURE APPRENTICE SINGERS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON IN A VARIETY OF VENUES OPERA MAKES SENSE IS A CURATED INTRODUCTION FOR THREE- TO FIVE-YEAR-OLDS EXPLORING MUSIC THROUGH THEIR SENSES ADULT EDUCATION OFFERS A VARIETY OF PRESENTATIONS, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS FOR BOTH THE OPERA AFICIONADO AND NOVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INCLUDING EVENTS IN AN INTENSIVE, WEEK-LONG FORMAT AND PRESENTATIONS PRIOR TO EACH EVENING'S OPERA

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Susan G Marineau President	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Peter B Frank Vice President	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Roberta Cooper Ramo Vice President	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Joseph M Bryan Jr First Vice President	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
T Peter Townsend Treasurer	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Robert Vladem Secretary	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Susan F Morris Chairman	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
James R Seitz Jr Vice Chairman	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Sarah Billinghamst Solomon Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dr Jenne Britell Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
William A Brosius Director(through August 2017)	1 00	X						0	0	0
J Bruce Bugg Jr Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Erin Bunkley Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Susan Esco Chandler Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Bruce Chemel Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Richard W Davis Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Nancie Dominic Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Michael G Doorley Director(through February 2017)	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kristina J Flanagan Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
A Charles Forte Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										(D)	(E)	(F)
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations		
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former					
Josephine Gilmore-Kirchner Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Chester A Gougis Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Frederick R Haas Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Ann Shilling Harrison Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
David K Ingalls Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
David Henry Jacobs Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Philip M Jelley Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Donna L Kendall Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Dr Walter L Kirchner Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		
Miryam Knutson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0		

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Maryon Davies Lewis Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Miranda Lind Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Lynn Loacker Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dr James Lowry Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Nedra Matteucci Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Marilyn P McConnell Director(through August 2017)	1 00	X						0	0	0
David Ellis McNeel Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Charles F Moore Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dan Namingha Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dan Perry Director(through September 1, 2017)	1 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Dr Estevan Rael-Galvez Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Carey R Ramos Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dr Eugene E Stark Jr Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Irwin J Sugarman Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Robert L Turner Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dannehl M Twomey Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Veronica A Watson Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Robert G Weiss Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Dr Robert M Zone Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Amb David Girard-diCarlo Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Charles MacKay General Director	40 00			X				655,573	0	56,877
Heather Kemp Dir. of Accounting & Finance	40 00			X				155,515	0	14,080
Bradley Woolbright Dir. of Artistic Administration	40 00				X			172,725	0	14,727
Robert Meya Dir. of External Affairs	40 00				X			220,259	0	33,052
Paul Horpedahl Production & Facilities Director	40 00				X			191,194	0	23,169
Michael Gary Dir. of Institutional giving	40 00					X		125,133	0	13,000
Thomas Morris Dir. of Admin & Operations	40 00					X		109,293	0	21,241
Laura Hudman Dir. of Marketing	40 00					X		111,095	0	12,505
Harry Bicket Chief Conductor	10 00					X		174,039	0	0

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.

OMB No 1545-0047
2016
Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
The Santa Fe Opera

Employer identification number
85-0131810

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 12, 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 agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 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)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
 - 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 _____
 - 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- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")	6,717,921	29,854,154	11,642,922	13,316,509	10,272,466	71,803,972
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	6,717,921	29,854,154	11,642,922	13,316,509	10,272,466	71,803,972
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)						16,878,878
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						54,925,094

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6,717,921	29,854,154	11,642,922	13,316,509	10,272,466	71,803,972
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,286,082	1,237,039	1,424,320	1,735,172	1,732,297	7,414,910
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	110,203	140,988	119,113		75,580	445,884
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						79,664,766

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 53,542,948

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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	68.950 %
15 Public support percentage for 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	65.700 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2016. 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

b 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. 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

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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

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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a	33 1/3% support tests—2016. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b	33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20	Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d 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? 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.		
	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
	3a		
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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
	4b		
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)? 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.		
	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? 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).		
	5a		
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?		
	5b		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
	8		
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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		
	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
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?		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
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>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
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)? <i>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).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
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, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) 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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

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)		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> 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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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

- 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 .035	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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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 2016 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-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016			
a			
b			
c From 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b Excess from 2013.			
c Excess from 2014.			
d Excess from 2015.			
e Excess from 2016.			

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

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	38,216													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	38,216													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	26,018,919													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	26,057,135													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,500,000
c Total lobbying expenditures		16,582	40,573	38,216	95,371
d Grassroots nontaxable amount		250,000	250,000	250,000	750,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,125,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Schedule C, Part II-a, Line 1	THE OPERA HOSTED LEGISLATORS AT A buffet dinner PRIOR TO A DRESS REHEARSAL OF die fledermaus A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERA'S YOUNG VOICES PROGRAM PERFORMED AND MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE GROUP ON HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE OPERA THE LEGISLATORS ALSO ATTENDED THE DRESS REHEARSAL THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT WAS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATORS TO THE OPERA AND ITS MISSION AND PROGRAMS LEGISLATORS ARE ALSO INVITED TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS, SUCH AS CONCERTS AND THE SPRING OPERA TOUR, HELD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS The Opera retained a lobbyist to consult on legislative matters of concern to the Opera

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ **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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
The Santa Fe Opera

Employer identification number
85-0131810

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? Yes 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? Yes 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	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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 ▶ \$ _____ 2,500

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 ▶ \$ _____

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 decorative items
- 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 |
|---|--------|
| 1c Beginning balance | |
| 1d Additions during the year | |
| 1e Distributions during the year | |
| 1f Ending balance | |
- 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" on 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	51,985,757	47,973,223	53,178,362	51,483,646	47,926,524
b Contributions	-139,001	3,023,196	251,227	486,167	615,209
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	5,519,458	3,862,922	-3,321,283	3,160,754	4,616,205
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	2,443,549	2,873,584	2,135,083	1,952,205	1,674,292
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	54,922,665	51,985,757	47,973,223	53,178,362	51,483,646

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 9 760 %
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 74 570 %
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 15 670 %
- 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) | No |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | No |
| 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' on 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		5,348,930		5,348,930
b Buildings		69,425,539	22,937,520	46,488,019
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		6,491,117	4,689,447	1,801,670
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				53,638,619

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

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

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
Annuities Payable	243,319
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	243,319

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	28,075,135
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	4,700,131
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	34,283
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	572,073
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	5,306,487
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	22,768,648
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	125,944
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	125,944
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	22,894,592

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	26,692,263
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	34,283
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	726,789
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	761,072
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	25,931,191
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	125,944
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	125,944
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	26,057,135

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
See Additional Data Table	

Additional Data

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Software Version:

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Name: The Santa Fe Opera

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 4	THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION INVOLVES OPERATIC ART, AND DONATED ARTWORK IS DISPLAYED IN VARIOUS BUILDINGS TO PROMOTE THIS MISSION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	TO PRODUCE A RELATIVELY PREDICTABLE AND STABLE INCOME STREAM TO GROW AND TO SUPPORT PRESENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMS

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	<p>The Opera has adopted the provisions of ASC 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. The Opera recognizes the tax (benefit) expense from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. Any such tax (benefit) expense is measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Opera had no unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2017 or 2016. The Opera files an exempt organization return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It is not a "private foundation" for tax purposes. The Opera had minimal taxable unrelated business income for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. Accordingly, a provision for income taxes has not been established in the accompanying financial statements.</p>

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT INTEREST -154,716 Rental Expense 406,379 Cost of Goods Sold INVENTORY 320,410

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	Rental Expense 406,379 Cost of Goods Sold Inventory 320,410

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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

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Internal Revenue Service

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) Central America and the Caribbean - Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas,	0	0	INVESTMENTS		3,283,301
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			3,283,301
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			3,283,301

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)								
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								

- 2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ _____
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ _____

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
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(12)							
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(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713)* Yes No

Additional Data

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Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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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.

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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						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total				▶		

- 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

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.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		Summer Gala (event type)	Winter Gala (event type)	1 (total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	353,084	124,975	213,260	691,319
2	Less Contributions	315,334	103,975	89,335	508,644
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	37,750	21,000	123,925	182,675
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	34,684	18,931	90,751	144,366
	8 Entertainment	15,850	7,000		22,850
	9 Other direct expenses				
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				167,216
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				15,459

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.

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

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
 ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No								
<p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use									
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence									
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees									
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)									
<p>b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</p>	1b	Yes								
<p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>	2	Yes								
<p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study									
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<p>4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p>										
<p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p>	4a	No								
<p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	4b	Yes								
<p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	4c	No								
<p>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p>										
<p>5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p>										
<p>a The organization?</p>	5a	No								
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	5b	No								
<p>6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p>										
<p>a The organization?</p>	6a	No								
<p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6b	No								
<p>7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>	7	Yes								
<p>8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>	8	No								
<p>9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>	9									

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Charles MacKay General Director	(i)	380,000	0	275,573	48,275	8,602	712,450	167,006
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Heather Kemp Dir. of Accounting & Finance	(i)	149,015	6,500	0	5,478	8,602	169,595	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Bradley Woolbight Dir. of Artistic Administration	(i)	172,725	0	0	6,125	8,602	187,452	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Robert Meya Dir. of External Affairs	(i)	210,000	0	10,259	8,106	24,946	253,311	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Paul Horpedahl Production & Facilities Director	(i)	181,194	10,000	0	6,825	16,344	214,363	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Harry Bicket Chief Conductor	(i)	174,039	0	0	0	0	174,039	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 1a	THE SANTA FE OPERA OWNS A RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE OPERA'S FACILITIES. THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE RESIDENCE AND THE GENERAL DIRECTOR'S LIVING THEREIN HAVE IMPORTANT BENEFITS FOR THE OPERA. THE GENERAL DIRECTOR IS THEREBY AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE FOR IMPORTANT BUSINESS ON THE OPERA GROUNDS AS WELL AS IS ABLE TO ENTERTAIN AND MEET WITH THE OPERA'S GUESTS, ARTISTIC PARTNERS AND STAFF. THE GENERAL DIRECTOR, AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT, IS REQUIRED BY THE OPERA TO RESIDE IN THE GENERAL DIRECTOR'S RESIDENCE. THE SANTA FE OPERA REPORTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS COMPENSATION TO THE GENERAL DIRECTOR ADDITIONAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR THE FAIR MARKET RENTAL VALUE AND UTILITY COSTS OF THE PREMISES. THE OPERA HAS AGREED TO REIMBURSE THE GENERAL DIRECTOR FOR ANY OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS INCURRED DURING THE USE OF THE GENERAL DIRECTOR'S RESIDENCE FOR OPERA BUSINESS. DETAILED RECORDS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED OF THE OPERA'S OFFICIAL USE OF THE RESIDENCE AND SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING. THE TAX INDEMNIFICATION AND GROSS UP PAYMENTS REPRESENT THE TAX PAID BY THE OPERA, AND INCLUDED IN CHARLES MACKAY'S W-2, TO COVER THE TAX ON THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE.
Part I, Line 4b	Charles Mackay- The Opera contributed \$39,000 to a 457(f) plan for the benefit of the general director during 2016. Additionally, Charles Mackay received a payout from the 457(f) plan, in which he vested, in the amount of \$206,006 during 2016.
Part I, Line 7	Bonuses were awarded for meeting organizational goals.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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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**

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Internal Revenue Service

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Employer identification number
85-0131810

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				
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	X	68	1,401,336	AVG Daily Hi/low
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 ▶ See Additional Data				
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 0

	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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 85-0131810

Name: The Santa Fe Opera

Part I, Lines 25-28

(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
Other ▶ (Donated Tickets)	470	74,168	FAIR VALUE
Other ▶ (Party Expenses)	7	36,894	faIR VALUE
Other ▶ (COSTUMES/ PROPERTIES)	8	8,409	FAIR VALUE
Other ▶ (MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS)	2	2,650	FaIR VALUE
Other ▶ (Laptop)	1	360	FaIR VALUE
Other ▶ (Posters)	1	150	FaIR VALUE

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No 1545-0047

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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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
The Santa Fe Opera

Employer identification number

85-0131810

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1	All regular members of the board (excluding honorary members, directors emeritus, and ex-officio members who have no voting rights) have the same voting rights. In between quarterly board meetings, the executive committee of the board is vested with the power of the board of directors with the following exceptions: the power to dissolve or merge the Opera with another organization, the power to change the name of the Opera, the power to change the bylaws of the Opera, the power to delegate its authority, the power to remove the General Director or any other director, and the power to sell real property valued over \$2.5 million.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1	All regular members of the board (excluding honorary members, directors emeritus, and ex-officio members who have no voting rights) have the same voting rights. In between quarterly meetings, the Executive Committee of the board is vested with the power of the Board of Directors with the following exceptions: the power to dissolve or merge the Opera with another organization, the power to change the name of the Opera, the power to change the bylaws of the Opera, the power to delegate its authority, the power to remove the general director or any other director, and the power to sell real property valued over \$2.5 million.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2	Family Relationship - Walter Kirchner and Josephine Gilmore- Kirchner

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA FE OPERA HAS adopted A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCESS BY WHICH THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE FULL VERSION OF FORM 990, INCLUDING ALL SCHEDULES AS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AFTER REVIEW AND ANY modification BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE DRAFT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE VERSION OF FORM 990, EXCLUDING SCHEDULE B (SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTORS), is posted to the portal available to all members of the Board of Directors for their review and comment before it is filed with the IRS SCHEDULE B of FORM 990 IS NOT REVIEWED BY THE full BOARD DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE NATURE OF ITS DONOR LIST

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA FE OPERA ARE ASKED EACH YEAR TO SIGN CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND TO SUBMIT THESE SIGNED STATEMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY SIGNING THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS, EACH DIRECTOR UNDERTAKES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OPERA OF ANY MATERIAL CHANGES THAT MIGHT RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THE PRESIDENT REVIEWS THE SIGNED DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR CONFLICTS AND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS, MONITORS COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES CONSIDERING TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THE SIGNED CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE OFFICES OF THE SANTA FE OPERA COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY IS MONITORED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IF A CONFLICT ARISES, THE PERSON WITH SUCH CONFLICT IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE ON THE TRANSACTION THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENCES OF CONFLICT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, AND TWO ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, ALL OF WHOM ARE UNRELATED TO THE GENERAL DIRECTOR, REVIEWS AND APPROVES COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE GENERAL DIRECTOR. IN CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR THIS POSITION, THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS SALARY DATA FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILAR OPERA COMPANIES. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ALSO CONDUCTS ANNUAL REVIEWS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GENERAL DIRECTOR. MINUTES OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND MAINTAINED AT THE OFFICES OF THE SANTA FE OPERA. COMPENSATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE IS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR. THE GENERAL DIRECTOR TAKES JOB PERFORMANCE AND SALARY DATA FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT OTHER OPERA COMPANIES INTO ACCOUNT WHEN SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE SALARIES FOR ALL SENIOR EMPLOYEES, COMPARING THE SALARIES TO COMPENSATION FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS AT OTHER OPERA COMPANIES. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2017.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MAINTAINED IN THE OFFICES OF THE SANTA FE OPERA. THEY ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO MAKE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE INFORMATION.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	Artist fees Program service expenses 1,881,954 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 1,881,954 Teaching/Teaching Artist Fees Program service expenses 247,539 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 247,539 Other Contract Labor Program service expenses 923,289 Management and general expenses 95,868 Fundraising expenses 6,607 Total expenses 1,025,764

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT -154,716

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	No change from the prior period