

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2018

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

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01, 2018, and ending 06-30, 2018

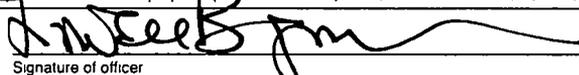
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS, INC. Doing business as FKA INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PRODUCT		D Employer identification no 81-0750717
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 2481 HEARST AVENUE		E Telephone number (510) 643-1386
	City or town, state or province, country and ZIP or foreign postal code BERKELEY, CA 94709		G Gross receipts \$ 434,603
	F Name and address of principal officer LOWELL BERGMAN SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website ▶ N/A			
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation 2015	M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS PRODUCES MULTIMEDIA REPORTING THAT EXPOSES OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION TO ROUSE THE MOST DYNAMIC LEVER OF CHANGE: AN INFORMED PUBLIC. WE ARE INVESTED IN THE PROPOSITION THAT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING IS NECESSARY TO A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	6
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	10
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38	7b	0
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	509,293	105,000
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		45
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		2,488
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	938,400	433,420
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	25,500	0
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 1,794		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	425,639	553,941
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	451,139	553,941	
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	487,261	(120,521)	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	570,133	466,277
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	28,115	44,861

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 5/14/19
	LOWELL BERGMAN, PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Annette J Cook		05-14-2019		P02044820
	Firm's name ▶ Nonprofit Suite	Firm's EIN ▶	Phone no		
	Firm's address ▶ 510 3rd Street Suite 200 Oakland CA 94607			510-350-2000	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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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
INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS PRODUCES MULTIMEDIA REPORTING THAT EXPOSES OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION TO ROUSE THE MOST DYNAMIC LEVER OF CHANGE: AN INFORMED PUBLIC. WE ARE INVESTED IN THE PROPOSITION THAT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING IS NECESSARY TO A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

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 \$ 537,020 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
OUR ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION TRAFFICKED IN AMERICA, ON GUATEMALAN TEENS FORCED TO WORK AGAINST THEIR WILL ON AN EGG FARM IN OHIO, AIRED ON FRONTLINE IN APRIL 2018. WE SECURED A MAJOR CO-PRODUCTION PARTNER FOR A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTARY SCHEDULED TO BE BROADCAST ON A MAJOR U.S. OUTLET. WE ENTERED POST-PRODUCTION ON A FILM ABOUT FATAL AIRCRAFT FAILURES IN THE MILITARY AND CONTINUED REPORTING FOR A SIX-PART SERIES SCHEDULED FOR A MAJOR STREAMING OUTLET ON CHILD DEATHS IN THE LOS ANGELES FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 537,020

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and schedules.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and schedules.

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 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No"

response to line 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 5 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (6), 1b (4), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Line Number, Yes, No. Rows include 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed -> California
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection...
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 -> JOHN TEMPLE (510)643-1386, 2481 HEARST AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94709

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) <u>LOWELL BERGMAN</u> <u>PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>5.00</u>	X		X				0	0	0
(2) <u>JOHN TEMPLE</u> <u>VP / TREASURER</u>	<u>5.00</u>	X		X				0	0	0
(3) <u>GEORGE CLYDE</u> <u>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</u>	<u>1.00</u>	X		X				0	0	0
(4) <u>CAMILLE SERVAN-SCHREIBER</u> <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>1.00</u>	X						0	0	0
(5) <u>RICHARD ALDEN FELDON</u> <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>1.00</u>	X						0	0	0
(6) <u>MACARENA HERNANDEZ</u> <u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>1.00</u>	X						0	0	0
(7) <u>RAJAL PITRODA</u> <u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>1.00</u>			X				0	0	0
(8) -----										
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Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(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			
(15) -----										
(16) -----										
(17) -----										
(18) -----										
(19) -----										
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(21) -----										
(22) -----										
(23) -----										
(24) -----										
(25) -----										
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							0	0	0	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	X	

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
POLESTAR DIGITAL VENTURES,	PRODUCTION SERVICE	132,000

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

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					
	1b	Membership dues					
	1c	Fundraising events					
	1d	Related organizations					
	1e	Government grants (contributions)					
	1f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	105,000				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		105,000			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	EXHIBITION RIGHTS	900099	298,311	298,311		
	b	IRP INCOME	900099	20,485	20,485		
	c	ADMIN FEE INCOME	900099	7,091	7,091		
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		325,887			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		45		45	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
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	1,069				
		b	Less cost of goods sold	1,183			
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	(114)	(114)		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	OTHER REVENUE	900099	2,602	2,602			
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		2,602				
12	Total revenue. See instructions		433,420	328,375	0	45	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . .				
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, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . .				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	2,720		2,720	
c Accounting	7,200		7,200	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 .				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . .	455,010	450,613	2,638	1,759
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	-3,021	1,621	1,400	
14 Information technology	3,225	3,225		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	6,985	6,985		
17 Travel	3,131	3,131		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	13,238	12,094	1,109	35
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 PRODUCTION EXPENSES	43,060	43,060		
b TAXES	60		60	
c TELEPHONE	1,350	1,350		
d BAD DEBTS	14,941	14,941		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e .	553,941	537,020	15,127	1,794
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	496,471	1	463,832
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	73,412	4	2,445
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	250	9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D		10a	
	b	Less accumulated depreciation		10b	10c
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	570,133	16	466,277	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,115	17	44,861
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	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	25,000	23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	28,115	26	44,861	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	542,018	27	421,416
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	542,018	33	421,416	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	570,133	34	466,277	

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	433,420
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	553,941
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(120,521)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	542,018
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	(81)
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	421,416

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
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		
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?		X
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		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No 1545-0047

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS, INC.

Employer identification number

81-0750717

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 **section 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)

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(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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities; 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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2018; 15 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2018; b 33 1/3% support test - 2017; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2018; b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2017; 18 Private foundation.

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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 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; c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2014, (b) 2015, (c) 2016, (d) 2017, (e) 2018, (f) Total. Rows include: 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; 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. []

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. []
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. []
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. []

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on 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.		
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).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (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 .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as 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).		
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).		
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 .		
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 .		
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 .		
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 10b below.		
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.)		

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?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

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? 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.	1	
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.	2	

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)? 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).	1	

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?	1	
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
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.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	2a		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.	3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.	3b		

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

- 1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI) 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)			
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI).		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.35	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<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 2018 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-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013			
b From 2014			
c From 2015			
d From 2016			
e From 2017			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019 Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2014			
b Excess from 2015			
c Excess from 2016			
d Excess from 2017			
e Excess from 2018			

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

2018

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on 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

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 |

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

- | | | |
|--|-----------|--|
| a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? | 4a | |
| b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | 4b | |
| c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? | 4c | |
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|----------|
| a The organization? | 5a | | X |
| b Any related organization? | 5b | | X |
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

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

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|----------|
| a The organization? | 6a | | X |
| b Any related organization? | 6b | | X |
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

7		X
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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

8		X
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9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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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 aren't 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				
LOWELL BERGMAN							
1 PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN	(i) 0	(ii) 0	(iii) 0	0	0	0	0
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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

OMB No 1545-0047

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**

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▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					

- 2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
Total ▶						\$						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2018

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) LOWELL BERGMAN	PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN	24,281	SEE SCHEDULE 0		X
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					

Part V Supplemental Information.

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

01. Supplemental Information for Schedule L

IS PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN LOWELL BERGMAN CO-OWNS CAM BAY PRODUCTIONS. IS CONTRACTED WITH CAM BAY FOR PRODUCTION AND JOURNALISM SERVICES.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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01. Officer, directors, etc. family relationship (Part VI, line 2)

LOWELL BERGMAN HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH UC BERKELEY'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.

LOWELL IS ALSO A CO-OWNER OF CAM BAY PRODUCTIONS. CAM BAY PRODUCTIONS WAS COMPENSATED BY
IS FOR PRODUCTION SERVICES.

02. Committee meeting documentation (Part VI, line 8b)

THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION.

03. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)

THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE 990 PRIOR TO FILING.

04. Conflict of interest policy compliance (Part VI, line 12c)

THE ORGANIZATION'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, UPON REQUEST.

05. Form 990 availability to public (Part VI, line 18)

THE ORGANIZATION'S 990 IS AVAILABLE THROUGH GUIDESTAR.ORG AND CHARITYNAVIGATOR.ORG.

06. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)

NO ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

07. List of other fees for services expenses (Part IX, line 11g)

PROGRAM - PRODUCTION 151,961

PROGRAM - CREW 163,522

PROGRAM - POST PRODUCTION 116,741

PROGRAM - OTHER 18,389

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS, INC.

81-0750717

MGMT & GENL - OTHER 2,638

FUNDRAISING - OTHER 1,759

08. General explanation attachment

FORM 990, PART 1, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION OR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

OUR WORK FOCUSES ON ISSUES AND EVENTS THAT ARE OVERLOOKED, MISUNDERSTOOD OR HIDDEN FROM VIEW TO THE PUBLIC'S DETRIMENT. WE EMBRACE THE NOTION THAT FOR THE AUDIENCE TO TRUST OUR WORK, WE HAVE TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT OUR PROCESS AND ADHERE TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF JOURNALISM: ACCURACY, FAIRNESS AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOR. INVESTIGATIVE STUDIOS IS COMMITTED TO DRAMATICALLY EXPANDING ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS AND FILMMAKERS FROM RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED BACKGROUNDS. WE CONDUCT ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING THAT RESULTS IN PRINT, FILM, AUDIO, AND OTHER MULTIMEDIA STORIES THAT EXPOSE OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION.