

2007

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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations, and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1/1, 2007, and ending 12/31, 20 07

B Check if applicable:

- Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: Serendipity Theatre Company. Address: 4043 N Ravenswood, Chicago, IL 60613.

D Employer identification number: 36 4289710. E Telephone number: (773) 988-8480. F Group Exemption Number: []

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: [X] Cash [] Accrual. Other (specify): []

I Website: www.serendipitytheatre.org

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one): [X] 501(c) (3) (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. Total: \$ 29311

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 55 of the instructions.)

Table with 21 rows for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Includes a 'RECEIVED' stamp dated MAY 28 2008 from OGDEN, UT.

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Table with 7 rows for Balance Sheets, columns (A) Beginning of year and (B) End of year.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 60 of the instructions.)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Create community/dialogue through theatrical events.			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.			
28	2nd Story- Though personal narrative we create dialouge about the human experience. We create a sense of community by encouraging our audience to share their own stories though a monthly series and annual festival. This program reaches aprox. 2040 people.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	18,762.00
29	The Exonorated - A staged reading of a play about the wrongful convictions of inmates on death row. Following the performance there was a post show discussion featuring wrongfully convicted felons. This reading ran for 2 nights with an audience of around 200 people.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	3616.00
30	General operating expenses including storage space, utilities, office rent and administrative costs.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	6695.00
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses. Add lines 28a through 31a	32	29073

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See page 61 of the instructions)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Heather Loebner 1032 Randolph, Oak Park, IL 60302	President, Board			
Adam Belcuore 1358 N Western Ave #3E Chicago IL 60622	Treasurer, Board			
Amanda Delheimer 5333 N Winthrop #1 Chicago IL 60640	Artistic Director			
Julie Sadowski 2212 Highpoint, Lindenhurst, IL 60046	Managing Director			

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.)			Yes	No
33	Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change	33		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement.	36		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a			
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a		✓
b	If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved	38b		N/A
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a		N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b		N/A

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.) (Continued)

- 40a** 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
 section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0
- b** 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation . . .
- c** Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . ▶
- d** Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . ▶
- e** All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . .

	Yes	No
40b		✓
40c		
40d		
40e		✓

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Illinois

42a The books are in care of ▶ Julie Sadowski Telephone no. ▶ (773) 459-2910
 Located at ▶ 4043 N Ravenswood ZIP + 4 ▶ 60613-1155

- b** At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . .
- If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶
- See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1**.
- c** At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? . . .
- If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶

	Yes	No
42b		✓
42c		✓

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

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

Please Sign Here

▶ Adam D. Belchore Signature of officer Date 3/11/08
 ▶ ADAM D. BELCHORE, BOARD TREASURER Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ Date ▶ Check if self-employed Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. X) ▶
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ () ▶

Part III **Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
<p>1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.)</p>		✓
<p>Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.</p>		
<p>2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)</p>		
<p>a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?</p>		✓
<p>b Lending of money or other extension of credit?</p>		✓
<p>c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?</p>		✓
<p>d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?</p>	✓	
<p>e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?</p>		✓
<p>3a Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)</p>		✓
<p>b Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?</p>		✓
<p>c Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement</p>		✓
<p>d Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?</p>		✓
<p>4a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g</p>		✓
<p>b Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?</p>		✓
<p>c Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?</p>		✓
<p>d Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year . . . ▶ _____</p>		0
<p>e Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year . . . ▶ _____</p>		0
<p>f Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts . . . ▶ _____</p>		0
<p>g Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year ▶ _____</p>		0

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 of the instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ►
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12 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 charitable, etc., 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). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization:
 Type I Type II Type III-Functionally Integrated Type III-Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 8 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Total					

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 8 of the instructions.)

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 of the instructions.)
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	29	
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	30	
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following.		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b Admissions policies?	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e Educational policies?	33e	
f Use of facilities?	33f	
g Athletic programs?	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
34a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 11 of the instructions.)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is— The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36.	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38.	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

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 instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 13 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities
 (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 14 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
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 other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

