

Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 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.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
 ROOTS OF MUSIC, INC.
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 7921 SANDPIPER DRIVE
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70128

D Employer identification number
 26-1160255

E Telephone number
 504-723-4666

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 Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ WWW.THEROOTSOFMUSIC.COM

J Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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

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.

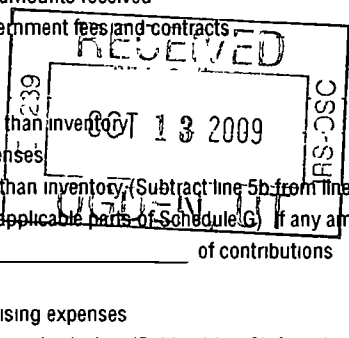
L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **153,800.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)			
	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	127,387.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
Revenue	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	26,413.
	b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	10,856.
	c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	15,557.
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8 Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	142,944.
Net Assets	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	8,520.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	16,635.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	950.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1)	16	87,507.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	113,612.
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	29,332.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	0.
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20		
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	29,332.	

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ (See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
	0.	22	23	24
22 Cash, savings, and investments	0.	22	<1,748.>	
23 Land and buildings		23		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS)	0.	24	31,080.	
25 Total assets	0.	25	29,332.	
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0.	26	0.	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0.	27	29,332.	

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No			
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X			
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		X			
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T					
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X			
35b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A				
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch N		X			
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions		0.			
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X			
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?		X			
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	N/A				
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter					
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	N/A				
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	N/A				
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911	0.	section 4912	0.	section 4955	0.
40b	Section 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," complete Schedule L, Part I		X			
40c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.			
40d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0.			
40e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X			
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	NONE				
42a	The books are in care of	ALLISON RHEINHART Telephone no				
	Located at	829 MAZANT STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA ZIP + 4				
		504-460-5699 70117				
42b	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)?	Yes	No			
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		X			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.					
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?		X			
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country					
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		<input type="checkbox"/>			
		43	N/A			
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X			
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X			

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | 46 | | X |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | | X |
| 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | | X |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | | X |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? | 49b | | |
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶		

Sign Here 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.

Signature of officer: *Allison Reinhardt* Date: 10/3/09

Type or print name and title: ALLISON REINHARDT, Director

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *Casey D. ...* Date: 9/25/09 Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: SWETLAND & CHILDRESS, CPA'S
650 POYDRAS, SUITE 2245
NEW ORLEANS LA 70130

EIN ▶ _____
 Phone no ▶ 504-524-8311

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization: **ROOTS OF MUSIC, INC.** Employer identification number: **26-1160255**

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: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 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.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete the Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		
- h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the US?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	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, or 8 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")					153,800.	153,800.
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 - 3					153,800.	153,800.
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)						29,848.
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						123,952.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4					153,800.	153,800.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						153,800.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14		%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15		%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 - 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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
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) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. 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 - 2007. 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 II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		BENEFIT CONCERT (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	11,608.		11,608.	
	2	Less: Charitable contributions				
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	11,608.		11,608.	
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Non-cash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Other direct expenses				
	8	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)				()
	9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)				11,608.

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash 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. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				()

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?
b If "No," Explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?
b If "Yes," Explain: _____

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

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
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

13a	%
13b	%

- a The organization's facility
- b An outside facility

14 Provide 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?

15a

- 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.

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?

17a

- 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 ▶ \$ _____

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 3

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO

THE ROOTS OF MUSIC OFFERS MUSIC INSTRUCTION AT THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS, BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED. EACH PROSPECTIVE STUDENT MUST AUDITION TO BE PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL ACCORDING TO HIS/HER FAMILIARITY WITH MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ANY IDENTIFIABLE NATURAL TALENT. THE BEGINNER CLASS FOCUSES ON A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF FUNDAMENTAL MUSIC THROUGH READING AND MANAGING INSTRUMENTS. INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS ARE TRAINED IN ADDITIONAL MUSIC READING SKILLS AND THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE. ADVANCED STUDENTS ARE COACHED IN ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 60 MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARNING THE RUDIMENTS OF MARCHING BAND MUSIC IN WEEKLY REHEARSALS AT TIPITINA'S IN NEW ORLEANS. THE ROOTS OF MUSIC IS CURRENTLY PURSUING VARIOUS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND FUND RAISING VEHICLES, AND EXPECTS THE PROGRAM TO GROW TO 150 STUDENTS BY SUMMER OF 2009.

THE ADVANCED CLASS WILL ULTIMATELY FORM A CITYWIDE MARCHING BAND COMPOSED OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 AND 14 RESIDING AND ATTENDING SCHOOL IN ORLEANS PARISH. THE ROOTS CRUSADER MARCHING BAND WILL PERFORM IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND GIVE THE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL AS A BAND WHILE PROVIDING A TEAM ATMOSPHERE AND STRUCTURE. THE BAND WILL ALSO HOST SPECIAL PERFORMANCES IN COLLABORATION WITH NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS TARGETING DISADVANTAGED MARKETS.

TO FACILITATE THE ACADEMIC ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, THE ROOTS OF MUSIC ORGANIZATION HAS ENGAGED CERTIFIED TEACHERS ON STAFF TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TUTORING FOR THE STUDENTS; HOWEVER, NO STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM DUE TO POOR GRADES. CERTIFIED EDUCATORS CURRENTLY PROVIDE THE ACADEMIC TUTORING FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS. THE ROOTS OF MUSIC WILL ADD ADDITIONAL TUTORS AS THE PROGRAM REACHES ITS EXPECTED CAPACITY OF 200 STUDENTS. STUDENTS WILL BE REWARDED FOR MAINTAINING GOOD GRADES IN SCHOOL WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ROOTS OF MUSIC PROGRAM. FOR EACH "A" ON HIS OR HER REPORT CARD, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE CREDITS TO USE TOWARD FUN ITEMS LIKE ROOTS OF MUSIC T-SHIRTS, SNACKS, AND PIZZA PARTIES. CURRENTLY, 85% OF THE STUDENTS HAVE RAISED THEIR ACADEMIC GRADES AT LEAST ONE LETTER GRADE.

THE ROOTS OF MUSIC IS A FREE, AFTER-SCHOOL, MUSIC EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC TUTORIAL PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEW ORLEANS. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE MUSIC CULTURE OF NEW ORLEANS BY ADDRESSING THE CRITICAL NEED FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL MUSIC EDUCATION IN THE CITY. THROUGH A HANDS-ON MUSIC CURRICULUM OF HISTORY, THEORY, INSTRUMENTAL INSTRUCTION, FIELD TRIPS AND PERFORMANCES, THE ROOTS OF MUSIC ENCOURAGES MIDDLE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, AGES 9-14, TO DEVELOP THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS AND SKILLS, WHILE PROVIDING THEM WITH ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE. THE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS THEREBY SERVING THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ACCESS MUSIC EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE INDEPENDENTLY. SCHOOLS WITH A LARGE POPULATION OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN ARE SELECTED FROM WITHIN THE NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STUDENTS FROM THOSE SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO AUDITION FOR THE ROOTS OF MUSIC PROGRAM.

Depreciation and Amortization 990-EZ
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return ROOTS OF MUSIC, INC.	Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990-EZ PAGE 1	Identifying number 26-1160255
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000.
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800,000.
4 Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6		
(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7 Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

14 Special depreciation for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		38,850.	5 YRS.	HY	200DB	7,770.
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/		27 5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21 Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	7,770.
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use?		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year:					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44