

**Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2008**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ 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

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

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. The Telling Room 225 Commercial Street #201 Portland, ME 04101	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 74-3136956
		<b>E</b> Telephone number 207-774-6064
		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number
		(Blank)

• 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.tellingroom.org

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

**J** Organization type (check only one) —  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 \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **142,775.**

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

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	106,807.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	6,288.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	1,590.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (att sch)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	28,090.
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	14,053.
	6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	14,037.
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe)	8	
	9	<b>Total revenue</b> (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	128,722.
	EXPENSES	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	62,824.
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and telephone	14	10,892.
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,000.
16		Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	16	20,003.
17		<b>Total expenses</b> (add lines 10 through 16)	17	96,719.
ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	32,003.
	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	78,219.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year</b> (Combine lines 18 through 20)	21	110,222.

**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.)

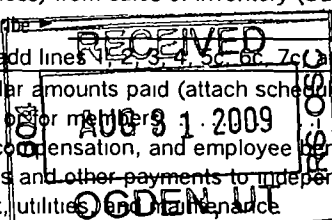
	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	72,261.	102,810.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	5,958.	7,412.
25 <b>Total assets</b>	78,219.	110,222.
26 <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶)	0.	0.
27 <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	78,219.	110,222.

**BAA** For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990.

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

		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.		
35 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
35 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37 a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37 a	0.
37 b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a	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
38 b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38 b	N/A
39	501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
39 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39 a	N/A
39 b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39 b	N/A
40 a	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.	
40 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,' complete Schedule L, Part I.		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0.
40 e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T.		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	None	

42 a The books are in care of GIBSON FAY-LEBLANC Telephone no. 207-774-6064  
 Located at 209 PROSPECT STREET Portland ME ZIP + 4 04103

		Yes	No
42 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		X
42 c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. 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.		X

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  N/A  N/A

		Yes	No
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. See Statement 5

	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.		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
b If 'Yes,' was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		

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 and 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 receiving over \$100,000.		

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: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 8/17/09  
 Type or print name and title: GIBSON FAY-LEBLANC Executive Director

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 8/13/09  
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Honeck O'Toole, CPA's  
 50 Portland Pier  
 Portland, ME 04101  
 Check if self-employed:   
 Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): P00566901  
 EIN: 01-0398174  
 Phone no: (207) 774-0882

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No  
 BAA Form 990-EZ (2008)

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2008**

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 <b>The Telling Room</b>	Employer identification number <b>74-3136956</b>
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**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 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 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 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 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 U.S.?		(vii) Amount of Support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1-3						
<b>5</b> 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).						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					<b>12</b>	

**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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	<b>14</b>	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	<b>15</b>	%

**16a 33-1/3 support test – 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

**b 33-1/3 support test – 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.

**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.

**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.

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr 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 "unusual grants")			32,743.	104,883.	106,807.	244,433.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose				14,349.	34,378.	48,727.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1-5.	0.	0.	32,743.	119,232.	141,185.	293,160.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						293,160.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	0.	0.	32,743.	119,232.	141,185.	293,160.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				1,187.	1,590.	2,777.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0.	0.	0.	1,187.	1,590.	2,777.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0.
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						295,937.

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 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
		LIVING WRITERS (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
REVENUE	1	Gross receipts	27,535.		27,535.
	2	Less: Charitable contributions			
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	27,535.		27,535.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Non-cash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Other direct expenses	11,076.		11,076.
	8	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4- through 7 in column (d)			11,076.
	9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)			16,459.

**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				
	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)				

	YES	NO
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? .. .	9 a	
b If 'No,' Explain: -----		
10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10 a	
b If 'Yes,' Explain: -----		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? .. .	11	
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?	12	

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

**a** The organization's facility

<b>13a</b>		%
<b>13b</b>		%

**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 contact 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: ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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The Telling Room

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Statement 1  
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16  
Other Expenses

ANNUAL REPORT	\$ 50.
BACKGROUND CHECK FEES	498.
BANK CHARGES	511.
BOOK PRINTING & BINDING	1,986.
BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	16.
COMPUTER SOFTWARE & SUPPLIES	240.
Depreciation	2,511.
DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES	305.
GRANT AND CONTRACT EXPENSE	5,331.
INSURANCE	902.
MEMBERSHIP DUES	100.
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,445.
Payroll Fees	582.
Professional Fees	1,930.
READINGS & EVENTS	69.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	595.
TELEPHONE	581.
VOLUNTEER TRAINING	232.
WEBSITE FEES	119.
Total	<u>\$ 20,003.</u>

Statement 2  
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24  
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 2,809.	\$ 2,570.
Machinery and Equipment	2,286.	3,979.
Security Deposit	863.	863.
Total	<u>\$ 5,958.</u>	<u>\$ 7,412.</u>

Statement 3  
Form 990-EZ, Part III  
Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

TO PROVIDE A WRITING PROGRAM DEDICATED TO YOUNG WRITERS AND STORYTELLERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 18. OUR GOAL IS TO MEET EACH STUDENT'S PASSION FOR WRITING WITH EQUAL ENTHUSIASM, TO PROVIDE ROLE MODELS FOR THOSE LOOKING TO FURTHER THEIR WRITING, AND TO PRIVILEGE THE ACT OF STORYTELLING AS VITAL MEANS OF EXPRESSION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.

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Statement 4  
Form 990-EZ, Part IV  
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted</u>	<u>Compen- sation</u>	<u>Contri- bution to EBP &amp; DC</u>	<u>Expense Account/ Other</u>
GIBSON FAY-LEBLANC 209 PROSPECT STREET PORTLAND, ME 04103	Executive Direc 0	\$ 26,154.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
ARI MEIL 3 TAYLOR STREET PORTLAND, ME 04102	President 0	0.	0.	0.
JILL MCGOWAN PO BOX 4283 PORTLAND, ME 04101-0483	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
GENEVIEVE MORGAN 134 VAUGHAN STREET PORTLAND, ME 04102	VP & Secretary 0	0.	0.	0.
PATRICIA HAGGE 55 BOWDOIN STREET PORTLAND, ME 04102-3632	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
MAGGIE ROBINSON 164 FORESIDE ROAD FALMOUTH, ME 04105	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
CHUCK MEINTEL 136 SLIGO ROAD YARMOUTH, ME 04096	Treasurer 0	0.	0.	0.
CELINE BOURKE KUHN 670 PRINCES POINT ROAD YARMOUTH, ME 04096	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
LIZ MEAHL 36 SEELEY AVENUE PORTLAND, ME 04103	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
PIERRE MEAHL 2211 CONGRESS STREET PORTLAND, ME 04122	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
KAI MCGINTEE PO BOX 9729 PORTLAND, ME 04104-5029	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
ANDREW MCNABB 15 LEWIS STREET PORTLAND, ME 04102	Director 0	0.	0.	0.

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**Statement 4 (continued)**  
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SUE LANGDON 7 STUDLEY STREET FALMOUTH, ME 04105	0	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 26,154.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part VI**  
**Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts**

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? No

2008-2009 Telling Room Programs Summary

**Program: Field Trips**

In sum: It was a phenomenal year for Field Trips, and we look forward to continuing one of our most popular and successful programs in the future.

**By the Numbers:**

Total number of artists who participated: 24  
Total number of youth who participated: 640  
Total number of teachers who participated: 38  
Total audience, etc. who benefited: +/- 900

**Program Highlights/Areas to Improve**

Increased visibility for The Telling Room due to #s of students, schools, and communities served: This year, from October through June, we held forty (40) Field Trips—that is, occasions when school groups came to The Telling Room for a solid morning of storytelling. Overall we served 640 students. By the end of the year, we placed twenty (20) more school and home school groups on a waiting list for next fall because we had booked ourselves to capacity. A way to give schools all over the state a taste of what we have to offer, our field trips this year allowed us to reach kids from school districts in seven (7) different Maine counties, and from towns including but not limited to Portland, Gorham, Old Orchard Beach, Falmouth, Fairfield, Topsham, and Scarborough.

**Program: "On the Street Where You Live"**

In sum: Our yearlong, theme-based special project is always a fantastic experience, and this year like last year we got to involve such a diverse set of kids and schools. This program allows us to spend the most sustained amount of time with a group of students, which benefits them academically and potentially make it easier for us to help kids generate truly great writing for real audiences and build their confidence as writers, communicators, and artists.

**By the Numbers:**

Total number of artists who participated: 38  
Total number of youth who participated: 100  
Total number of teachers who participated: 9  
Total audience, etc. who benefited: +/- 400

**Program Highlights/Areas to Improve**

Our most comprehensive program continues to thrive and serve as our trademark program: *On the Street Where You Live*, our yearlong, theme-based special project, culminated in a celebration of our third printed anthology, *Tearing Down the Playground*, and a multi-arts community event. The project this year involved nearly 100 young writers and artists from the following

schools: Portland High School, Waynflete School, West School, Falmouth High School, Deering High School, Gorham High School, Mainstay, Small, King, East End School, and home schooled groups.

### A Project Spotlight

“Tearing Down the Playground—Neighborhood Stories” was an interactive community event featured the debut of our third anthology; plus live performances and songs, documentary and art films, and readings by Telling Room students; and a series of sculptures designed by USM students, which took place at the SPACE Gallery in downtown Portland on May 13, 2009. This was our chance to showcase to the community the students’ work. We were thrilled by the number of students we’d worked with who came to the event and were lauded by an audience of nearly 300.

### **Program: Workshops**

In sum: It is great to be able to offer this program to all kids, for free, from all over the area, outside of school time. It was also striking that this year we saw more diversity in students: Hello, Wharf Kitty had boys! Our Photography & Writing workshop had Maine Stay students, immigrants and Waynflete students. Workshop leaders continue to be incredible resources for The Telling Room, as they are all professional, committed, and extremely talented artists willing to volunteer their time to work with kids.

### **By the Numbers:**

Total number of artists who participated: 36

Total number of youth who participated: +/- 100

Total audience, etc. who benefited: +/- 150

### **Program Highlights/Areas to Improve**

We continue to offer a wide range of workshop choices for young writers of all ages and abilities throughout the school year. This year, we paid a bit more attention to incorporating various artistic forms outside of creative writing as a way of broadening storytelling options and audience scope. After school and on weekends, we ran the following ten workshops:

- *Songwriting*
- *Comics: Start with a Dot*
- *Poetry: In the Heart’s Ear*
- *Writing and Photography: On the Street*
- *Visual Journaling: Doodle, Dazzle, Jot, and Glue*
- *Sounds Like...: Using Noise, Sound Effects and Music to Write Stories*
- *HELLO, Wharf Kitty!*
- *Documentary Shorts*
- *College Essay Rescue*
- *No Strings Attached: Shadow Puppets*

**Program: Tutoring**

In sum: This program was in flux this year. We had only an occasional student come in during the regular afterschool tutoring hours we offered twice a week. We believe that many schools and programs already offer tutoring for students with real literary needs, and that our location is prohibitive to students walking in off the street.

**By the Numbers:**

Total number of artists who participated: 5

Total number of youth who participated: +/- 50

Total audience, etc. who benefited: N/A

**Other Special Programs in 2008-2009**

**Casco Bay Quest.** In two separate weeks this past September, in partnership with Rippleffect, The Telling Room staff worked first with the senior class and then with freshmen of Casco Bay High School—the project combined kayaking and camping in Casco Bay with personal and reflective writing and nature writing.

**Children's Book Workshop.** In September, the staff selected two TR students, one from Deering and the other from Casco Bay High, to join a TR staff member as writers-in-residence for a weekend at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine. Their story, about the transformation of a Maine street by two young boys, one a native Mainer and the other his newly arrived neighbor from Sudan, is being illustrated by professional illustrator Anna J. Boll and will be published in late 2009. Funds were provided by a grant from the Unity Foundation, and this program was developed in partnership with Haystack, the MWPA, and the Juice Conference.

**From Wild to Words,** a partnership with Maine Audubon and sponsored by Horizon Foundation, was a series of field trips—at the Mast Landing Sanctuary in Freeport, at The Telling Room Writing Center, and at Reiche School—which culminated in a printed anthology of student writing, photography, illustrations, and cartoons, and a fourth grade public reading at the Reiche School.

**Living Writers Series: Elizabeth Gilbert** spent an evening at the Merrill on September 23, 2008 to benefit The Telling Room. Incredible! She was amazing with our kids, an audience of young writers from six Greater Portland high schools, and blew everyone at the Merrill away. The Board did a really fantastic job with the whole event, including Sara's slideshow, which used our kids' work.

**Maine Writers on Maine.** Our second annual Maine Writers on Maine, "A Sense of People," took place on October 30. This event featured fiction writers Lewis Robinson and Monica Wood, hip-hop and spoken word sensation Sontiago, and Maine's Poet Laureate Betsy Sholl. These four award-winning Maine writers talked about the craft of

writing and the writing life with high school students from all over Maine, from an hour north of Bangor in Lee, to the south coast in Wells. About 150 kids in total attendance.

**Literary Arts Day.** A Telling Room partnership with the Portland Public Library and Falmouth High School's GORP, a student literary magazine, whose pilot program involved approximately 100 students from Wells High School, Yarmouth High School, Casco Bay High School, Deering High School, Kennebunk High School. These students came together for a daylong young writers conference at the PPL, featuring student-run workshops and workshops run by Telling Room staff and local authors Lewis Robinson, Jed Coffin, Martin Steingesser, Annie Finch, and others. March 2009.

**Deering High School Latino Pilot.** TR staff conducted classroom visits to produce a short documentary video about being a Latino student at Deering High School. Spring 2009.

**Southern Maine Writing Project.** March 2009.

**Cape Elizabeth Poetry Residency.** April 2009.

**Casco Bay High School Writing Intensive.** April 2009.

**Maine Med Resident Writing Workshop.** TR staff ran a writing workshop for Maine Med residents—a pilot master class of sorts. April-June 2009.