

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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



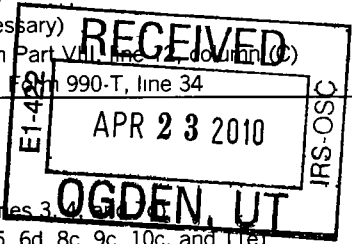
For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 6/01, 2008, and ending 5/31, 2009

Header section containing organization name (VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION), EIN (54-0985006), website (WWW.VAOPERA.ORG), and other identifying information.

Part I Summary

SCANNED MAY 25 2010 Revenue

Main summary table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for contributions, revenue, expenses, and total assets.



Part II Signature Block

Signature block section with signature of P.A. Stuhlsreier, III, dated 4/14/10, and title GEN. DIR & CEO.

Preparer information section including signature of Nicholas P. Paul, Jr. CPA, firm name BURRUS, PAUL & TURNBULL, PLC, and EIN 54-0662578.

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,008,240. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,820,333.)

PERFORMANCE OF OPERAS FOR THE PUBLIC, CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS AND OTHER GROUPS.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 4,008,240. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 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
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J	X	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to question 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 a	140		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1 b	0		
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2 a	199		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)	X	
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	X	
3 b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule Q	X	
4 a	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)?		X
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5 c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7 a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7 e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7 h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9 b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10 b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11 a	Gross income from other members or shareholders		
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body ...		
1 b Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 SEE SCHEDULE O	X	
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

	Yes	No
12 a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13		X
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done		X
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	X	
b Other officers of key employees of the organization? SEE SCHEDULE O Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	X	
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ NONE
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. SEE SCHEDULE O
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
 ▶ THE CORPORATE OFFICE 160 E. VA. BEACH BLVD., NORFOLK, VA 23510 757-627-9545

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

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

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
PAUL STUHLREYER, III EXECUTIVE DIREC	40			X	X			140,000.	0.	19,460.
ALLAN D. ALBERT TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
ELEANOR BADER TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
ROBERT VELAND DIR OF FINANCE	40				X			75,444.	0.	863.
JEANNIE P. BALILES TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
PETER MARK ARTISTIC DIRECT	40				X			185,331.	0.	0.
DARYL BANK TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
STANLEY G. BARR, JR., ESQU TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
JOHN KENNELLY DIR. OF PRODUCT	40				X			86,167.	0.	9,933.
GENE BEALE EXEC COMM	0	X						0.	0.	0.
DR. PATRICIA BEHLMER EXEC COMM	0	X						0.	0.	0.
ROSLYN BROWN TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
CHARLES O. BURGESS TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
LISA BUTLER EXEC COMM	0	X						0.	0.	0.
MARTIN J. CARNEY, MD TRUSTEE	0	X						0.	0.	0.
BARRY J. CASE EXEC COMM	0	X						0.	0.	0.
CHRISTOPHER COFFING BOARD MEMBER	0	X						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont.)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JOSEE COVINGTON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARK T. COX, IV PRESIDENT	0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
NEAL CRAWFORD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
BESS DECKER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
LYNN CARWELL TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DOROTHY DOUMAR TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARSHALL H. EARL, JR. EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
LARRY AND VICKY EICHER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALLEN MEAD FERGUSON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOHN FIELD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
INGEBORG FISHER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
CAROLYN GARNER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
HENRY GARRITY TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
1 b Total							626,284.	0.	42,644.	

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 2

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation
VIRGINIA SYMPHONY 861 GLENN ROCK ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23502	MUSICAL SERVICES	328,680.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 1

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e 420,926.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 1,973,616.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f:	\$ 92,789.				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2,394,542.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2 a SUBSCRIPTIONS		929,861.	929,861.		
	b SINGLE TICKETS		382,889.	382,889.		
	c TOURING		368,195.	368,195.		
	d EDUCATION PROGRAMS		139,388.	139,388.		
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,820,333.				
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		81,786.		81,786.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	748,634.			
		(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	929,403.				
	c Gain or (loss)	-180,769.				
	d Net gain or (loss)		-180,769.	-180,769.		
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a 312,680.				
		b Less: direct expenses	b 128,380.			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			184,300.		184,300.	
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a MERCHANDISE & CONCESSION		24,393.			24,393.	
b MISC. INCOME		66,013.			66,013.	
c PROGRAM ADVERTISING		35,808.		35,808.		
d All other revenue		231,211.		231,211.		
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		357,425.				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		4,657,617.	1,639,564.	267,019.	356,492.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	618,194.	328,730.	182,608.	106,856.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	1,706,487.	1,331,200.	179,715.	195,572.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	42,679.	34,673.	7,287.	719.
9 Other employee benefits	133,492.	105,810.	13,801.	13,881.
10 Payroll taxes	184,860.	139,553.	23,302.	22,005.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	22,500.		22,500.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, In 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	106,783.	106,783.		
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	66,751.	44,237.	22,514.	
17 Travel	108,617.	107,455.	732.	430.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,658.	733.	925.	
20 Interest	57,159.		57,159.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	373,348.	193,570.	179,778.	
23 Insurance	105,418.	11,328.	94,090.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a PRODUCTION SUPPORT	578,671.	548,744.		29,927.
b CONTRACT SERVICES	450,797.	438,942.	1,567.	10,288.
c HOTEL/PER DEIM/ARTIST HOUSING	183,370.	179,609.		3,761.
d COSTUMES, WIGS AND MAKEUP	86,119.	86,119.		
e PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	82,723.	64,292.		18,431.
f All other expenses	442,241.	286,462.	95,840.	59,939.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	5,351,867.	4,008,240.	881,818.	461,809.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	183,517.	1	47,311.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	722,407.	3	525,217.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	26,747.	4	21,978.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	117,845.	9	53,187.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 5,948,959.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 4,779,650.		
	11 Investments – publicly-traded securities	1,501,316.	10c	1,169,309.
	12 Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11	1,502,711.	11	1,055,729.
	13 Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11	316,807.	12	438,520.
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	33,270.	14	26,110.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	4,404,620.	15	3,337,361.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	246,322.	16	246,322.
	18 Grants payable		17	
	19 Deferred revenue	799,509.	18	698,645.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		19	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		21	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	1,655,142.	22	1,592,095.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		23	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		24	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,700,973.	25	2,474,496.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-256,844.	26	-1,114,367.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	409,515.	27	174,506.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	1,550,976.	28	1,802,726.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		30	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	1,703,647.	32	862,865.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	4,404,620.	33	3,337,361.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. Cash Accrual Other

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If 'Yes' to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c		X
3a		X
3b		

BAA

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 'unusual grants'.)	2,443,152.	2,845,199.	2,695,697.	2,828,903.	2,394,542.	13,207,493.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						0.
3 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						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	2,443,152.	2,845,199.	2,695,697.	2,828,903.	2,394,542.	13,207,493.
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).						2,418,050.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						10,789,443.

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	2,443,152.	2,845,199.	2,695,697.	2,828,903.	2,394,542.	13,207,493.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	25,631.	45,631.	49,301.	58,514.	81,786.	260,863.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	42,806.	26,327.	12,620.	12,476.		94,229.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.) SEE PART IV	70,547.	41,243.	63,252.	64,960.	66,013.	306,015.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						13,868,600.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0.

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	77.8 %
15 Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	71.4 %

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'.)						
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						
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, 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 yr 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 lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 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

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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2008

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

54-0985006

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit??		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easement it holds? Yes No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1 c |
| d Additions during the year | 1 d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1 e |
| f Ending balance | 1 f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,804,978.				
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses	-237,573.				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	88,488.				
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	1,478,917.				

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ 100.00 %
 - c Term endowment ▶ _____ %
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | X |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | X |
| b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | X |
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds **SEE PART XIV**

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		4,593,271.	3,615,237.	978,034.
d Equipment		1,355,688.	1,164,413.	191,275.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				1,169,309.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>		END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990 Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶	438,520.	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15) N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B), line 15) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ▶	

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		4,657,617.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25).		5,351,867.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1		-694,250.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		
5	Donated services and use of facilities		
6	Investment expenses		
7	Prior period adjustments		
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV) SEE PART XIV		-616,088.
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4-8		-616,088.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9		-1,310,338.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	4,181,986.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-142,719.	
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	140,457.	
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIV) SEE PART XIV	2d	-473,369.	
	e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		-475,631.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		4,657,617.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
	a Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5		4,657,617.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	5,492,323.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	140,457.	
	b Prior year adjustments	2b		
	c Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		140,457.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		5,351,866.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
	a Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIV) SEE PART XIV	4b	1.	
	c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		1.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5		5,351,867.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUND

ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE OPERA ORGANIZATION.

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.

REVENUE		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		RICHMOND SPRIN (event type)	NORFOLK OPERA (event type)	2 (total number)	(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
REVENUE	1	165,435.	94,464.	52,781.	312,680.
	2				
	3	165,435.	94,464.	52,781.	312,680.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4				
	5				
	6				
	7	48,136.	39,971.	40,273.	128,380.
	8	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4- through 7 in column (d)			128,380.
	9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)			184,300.

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.

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
REVENUE	1				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6	<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:

	YES	NO
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

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?

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

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

13a		%
13b		%

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?

- 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?
- 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: ▶ \$ _____

	YES	NO
13a		
13b		
14		
15a		
16		
17a		
17b		

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Name of the organization

VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

54-0985006

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1 a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If 'No,' complete Part III to explain

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

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a.

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

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-8.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III

	Yes	No
1 b		
2		
4 a		X
4 b		X
4 c		X
5 a		X
5 b		X
6 a		X
6 b		X
7		X
8		X

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2008

SCHEDULE J-2
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Attach to Form 990 to list additional information for Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a.

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Name of the Organization

Employer Identification number

VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION

54-0985006

Part I Continuation: Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BRIAN TAYLOR GOLDSTIEN EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. WILLIAM HARK TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
EDYTHE HARRISON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALAN HESS TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOHN HOLLOWAY SECRETARY	0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
CORA HUITT TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
LAURA HUNT TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
KEMPER HYERS TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DENISE KEANE TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DANA DUNBAR KING TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANNE LANKFORD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DAVID LAMBERT EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANA LEVY TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
RODNEY LINEBURY TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
RUSSELL LUNDEBERG TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ROSE MCAREE EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
GLENDIA MCKINNON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
HOPE MIHALAP TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOAN B. MILLER PRESIDENT-ELECT	0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
PETER MUELLER EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARY ELLEN MURRAY TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	

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Name of the Organization: **VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION**
Employer Identification number: **54-0985006**

Part I Continuation: Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
WALTER NEFF, JR. TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
GERALD PEPE, PHD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
WILLIAM POYNTER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALLAN S REYNOLDS, JR. EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
S. WARREN RICHARD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
C. JEFFERS SCHMIDT TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MANFRED SCHUMACHER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARTHA LEE SHAW TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
VICTOR SONNINO TREASURER	0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
DONALD STEEBER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
LAWRENCE STEINGOLD TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DAVID STOCKMEIER TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOYCE STRELITZ TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
HON. LYDIA C. TAYLOR TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
EILEEN THOMASON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
ROBERT E. TRAVERS, IV TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DEBORAH TRENT-GIEL TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. WILLIAM WADROP TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
GEORGE WILLIAMSON TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
DIXIE WOLF TRUSTEE	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARY ZAYDE ZEUGNER EXEC COMM	0	X					0.	0.	0.	

**SCHEDULE M
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Non-Cash Contributions

► To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes'
on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	5	78,493.	
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (-----)				
26 Other ► (-----)				
27 Other ► (-----)				
28 Other ► (-----)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

SCHEDULE O
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▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

Name of the organization

VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

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PART VI, SECTION B, ITEMS 12-14

THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING WITH HANDBOOK FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO INCLUDE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY AND OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE VIRGINIA OPERA IS TO PRODUCE OPERATIC PERFORMANCES OF THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS; EDUCATE AND DEVELOP AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES; IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG ARTISTS; MAINTAIN A STRONG FINANCIAL CONDITION; DEVELOP AND SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 10 - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

A DRAFT COPY OF THE 990 IS REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OFFICERS & KEY EMPLOYEES

COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS DIRECTLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ADDTIONALLY, THE ASSOCIATION COMPARES ALL COMPENSATION TO COMPARABILITY DATA PRODUCED BY OPERA AMERICA, AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS AVIALABLE UPON REQUEST.

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

<u>NATURE AND SOURCE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
OTHER INCOME	66,013.	64,960.	63,252.	41,243.	70,547.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 66,013.</u>	<u>\$ 64,960.</u>	<u>\$ 63,252.</u>	<u>\$ 41,243.</u>	<u>\$ 70,547.</u>

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SCHEDULE D, PART XIV - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PAGE 6

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SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 8
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

DECREASE FROM FOUNDATION	\$	-473,369.
UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		<u>-142,719.</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>-616,088.</u></u>

SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D
OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED IN F/S BUT NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990

FOUNDATION INCOME LESS SUPPORT	\$	-473,369.
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>-473,369.</u></u>

SCHEDULE D, PART XIII, LINE 4C
OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED ON FORM 990 BUT NOT INCLUDED IN F/S

MISC	\$	1.
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>1.</u></u>

• If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box. **X**

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization		Employer identification number
	VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION Number, street, and room or suite number If a P.O. box, see instructions.		54-0985006
	BURRUS, PAUL & TURNBULL, PLC 101 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 820 City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions.		For IRS use only
		NORFOLK, VA 23510	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227	

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in care of. **THE CORPORATE OFFICE**
Telephone No. **757-627-9545** FAX No. _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 4/15, 2010.
- For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning 6/01, 2008, and ending 5/31, 2009.
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension TAXPAYER RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME TO GATHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TAX RETURN.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instrs.	8c \$

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature *Christopher A. G...* Title CPA Date 1/12/09

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

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▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I **Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only. . . .

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions</small>	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	VIRGINIA OPERA ASSOCIATION	54-0985006
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions	
	P.O. BOX 2580	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	NORFOLK, VA 23501	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of ▶ THE CORPORATE OFFICE -----

Telephone No. ▶ 757-627-9545 ----- FAX No ▶ -----

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 1/15, 20 10, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶ calendar year 20__ or
- ▶ tax year beginning 6/01, 20 08, and ending 5/31, 20 09.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$ 0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$ 0.
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$ 0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

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