

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

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2008 and ending JUN 30, 2009

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	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC. Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1029 CENTRAL City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	D Employer identification number 44-0626124
		E Telephone number 816-471-4933	G Gross receipts \$ 5,390,547.
		F Name and address of principal officer: EVAN LUSKIN SAME AS C ABOVE	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
		I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
		J Website: ▶ WWW.KCOPERA.ORG	
		K Type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	L Year of formation: 1958 M State of legal domicile: MO

Part I Summary				
	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY PRODUCES PROFESSIONAL OPERA AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING.		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
Activities & Governance	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 47	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 47	
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 176	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 388	
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a 51,514.	
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b -1,919.	
	Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	5,173,145. 3,716,650.
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	892,954. 1,200,935.	
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	26,881. 16,702.	
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-156,594. -70,981.	
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,936,386. 4,863,306.	
Expenses		13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	3,930. 21,999.
		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,980,044. 2,555,936.
		16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	16,887. 15,769.
		16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 571,949.	
		17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	2,542,770. 2,348,578.
		18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,543,631. 4,942,282.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	392,755. -78,976.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	13,205,882. 12,074,161.	
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,824,168. 3,434,901.	
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	10,381,714. 8,639,260.	

Part II Signature Block				
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				
Sign Here	Signature of officer EVAN LUSKIN, GENERAL DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 RUBINBROWN LLP 10975 GRANDVIEW, SUITE 600 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶ 913-491-4144

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY EXISTS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS THROUGHOUT THE REGION BY OFFERING A BROAD REPERTOIRE OF PROFESSIONAL OPERATIC EXPERIENCES.

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ 3,581,042. including grants of \$ 21,999.) (Revenue \$ 978,862.) THE LYRIC OPERA PRODUCED FOUR OPERAS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTIONS OF LA BOHEME, JULIUS CAESAR, LA TRAVIATA, AND THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE COMBINED TO SELL 26,235 TICKETS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 274,140. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 61,171.) THE LYRIC OPERA OFFERS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO FURTHER MUSIC AND ARTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY. THE KEY PROGRAMS ARE LYRIC OPERA EXPRESS WHICH TAKES OPERA TO 83 SCHOOLS IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND LYRIC OPERA SUMMER CAMP WHICH TEACHES OPERA TO 80 CHILDREN EACH SUMMER AND WHOSE FINAL PERFORMANCE HAD 650 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

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 \$ 3,855,182. (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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	X	
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		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.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		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
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 141		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	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		
	2a 176		
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 e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	X	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
4a	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
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.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
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?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
h	For 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.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: N/A		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: N/A		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A	12b	

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
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		47
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		47
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
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
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	
9a	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	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
12a	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?		
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		
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 or key employees of the organization?	X	
	Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		
16a	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. Disclosure

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.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► GREG HUBBARD - 816-471-4933
1029 CENTRAL, KANSAS CITY, MO 64105

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

1a 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) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if 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			
JODY BARTLETT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LORETTA M. BRITTON, MD, DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICHARD P. BRUENING DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RITA M. BURNETT-FERGUSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICHARD BYRUM DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
CRAIG CARTER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JULIE UNGASHICK CRAIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
UNA CREDITOR DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DON F. DAGENAIS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANN KING DICKINSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MAUREEN DURWOOD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANNE W. ELSBERRY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MICHAEL D. FIELDS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
THOMAS A. FLOWERS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LAFAYETTE J. FORD, III DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. FRED D. FOWLER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
CAROLINE M. FRENCH DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

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

(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			
MICHAEL D. FROST, PH.D. DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JANE LOFTUS GARD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
THE HONORABLE JON R GRAY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RACHEL HACK DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BARB HAVILAND DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOYCE G. HOLLAND DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BETH INGRAM DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JULIA KAUFFMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ELVIN B. KLEIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JUDI KNIGHT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
1b Total							309,749.	0.	21,350.	

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

	Yes	No
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	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	X	
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		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY 1020 CENTRAL AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	ORCHESTRA	325,092.

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

SEE SCHEDULE J-2 FOR PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION

Part VIII		Statement of Revenue		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	707,085.				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	86,200.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2923365.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		3,716,650.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a	PERFORMANCES/SALES	Business Code 711110	1,200,935.	1,200,935.		
b								
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,200,935.				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		16,702.			16,702.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			217,568.	68,000.				
		b	Less: rental expenses	313,206.	16,486.			
	c	Rental income or (loss)	-95,638.	51,514.				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		-44,124.		51,514.	-95,638.	
	7 a		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 707,085. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a 135,844.				
	b	Less: direct expenses		b 197,549.				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-61,705.			-61,705.		
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	MISCELLANEOUS	900099		34,848.	34,848.			
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			34,848.				
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			4,863,306.	1,235,783.	51,514.	-140,641.	

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).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to 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	21,999.	21,999.		
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	311,099.	241,951.	34,574.	34,574.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,938,492.	1,515,103.	195,011.	228,378.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	173,278.	106,598.	31,806.	34,874.
10 Payroll taxes	133,067.	86,753.	28,691.	17,623.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	59,201.		59,201.	
c Accounting	19,920.		19,920.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	15,769.			15,769.
f Investment management fees				
g Other	6,191.	700.	5,491.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	99,308.	51,272.	24,018.	24,018.
17 Travel	125,534.	115,941.	7,161.	2,432.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,682.	5,682.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	238,731.	226,221.	11,321.	1,189.
23 Insurance	65,767.	36,854.	28,913.	
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 ORCHESTRA	325,092.	325,092.		
b PROMOTION EXPENSE	290,404.	290,404.		
c LYRIC OPERA GUILD	177,821.			177,821.
d PROPS AND COSTUMES	170,885.	170,885.		
e PERFORMANCE FACILITIES	164,756.	164,756.		
f All other expenses	599,286.	494,971.	69,044.	35,271.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	4,942,282.	3,855,182.	515,151.	571,949.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input 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	1,620,653.	1	1,589,999.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	158,000.	3	225,485.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	144,513.	4	264,366.
	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	160,323.	9	138,877.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis ...	10a 8,557,786.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 3,526,369.	4,634,898.	10c 5,031,417.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	6,487,495.	15	4,824,017.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	13,205,882.	16	12,074,161.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	164,232.	17	663,869.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	463,306.	19	574,402.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	2,196,630.	25	2,196,630.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,824,168.	26	3,434,901.
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	3,710,463.	27	2,947,390.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	166,251.	28	850,348.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	6,505,000.	29	4,841,522.
	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		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	10,381,714.	33	8,639,260.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	13,205,882.	34	12,074,161.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
c If "Yes" to lines 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?	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization **LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.** Employer identification number **44-0626124**

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

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

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
- 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	
Total									

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2987438.	2965017.	2962716.	5173145.	3716650.	17804966.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 - 3	2987438.	2965017.	2962716.	5173145.	3716650.	17804966.
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)						5980482.
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						11824484.

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	2987438.	2965017.	2962716.	5173145.	3716650.	17804966.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	319,934.	340,030.	416,869.	284,071.	234,270.	1595174.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	9,068.	5,170.	6,512.	20,118.	34,848.	75,716.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						19475856.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	5,586,386.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	60.71 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	59.00 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

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

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
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Department of the Treasury
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Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF.

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Name of the organization

LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.

Employer identification number

44-0626124

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**. (**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

General Rule

For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

Name of organization LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.	Employer identification number 44-0626124
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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	MURIEL MCBRIEN KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION 1029 CENTRAL KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	\$ 520,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	RICHARD J. STERN FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS 1029 CENTRAL KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	\$ 700,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	HALLMARK CORPORATION FOUNDATION 1029 CENTRAL KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	\$ 98,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	MICHAEL AND GINGER FROST 1029 CENTRAL KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	\$ 550,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
			Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
			Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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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 easements 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 section 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.

- 1a 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, 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 | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 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	1,246,030.				
b Contributions	0.				
c Investment earnings or losses	0.				
d Grants or scholarships	0.				
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	69,169.				
f Administrative expenses	0.				
g End of year balance	1,176,861.				

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment \blacktriangleright 100.00 %
 - b** Permanent endowment \blacktriangleright .00 %
 - c** Term endowment \blacktriangleright .00 %

- 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) related organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

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		470,000.		470,000.
b Buildings		7,874,976.	3,363,035.	4,511,941.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		155,745.	119,765.	35,980.
e Other		57,065.	43,569.	13,496.
Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				5,031,417.

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)	1	4,863,306.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,942,282.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-78,976.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-1,663,478.
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	-1,663,478.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,742,454.

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	5,390,547.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	527,241.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	527,241.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,863,306.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment 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	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	4,863,306.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	5,469,523.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	527,241.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	527,241.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,942,282.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment 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	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	4,942,282.

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: TO AID AND SUPPORT THE LYRIC OPERA

PART XI, LINE 8 - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST: -397009.

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF LYRIC FOUNDATION: -1266469.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSES: 329692.

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES: 197549.

PART XIII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

RENTAL EXPENSES: 329692.

SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES: 197549.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
		LYRIC OPERA BALL (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	842,929.			842,929.
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	707,085.			707,085.
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	135,844.			135,844.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	58,980.			58,980.
	7 Other direct expenses	138,569.			138,569.
	8 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)				(197,549.)
	9 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)				-61,705.

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				()
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				

	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?	9a	
b If "No," Explain: _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
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	13a	%
b An outside facility	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 contract 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		

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
CASH GRANTS TO ARTISTS TO HELP FURTHER THEIR OPERA CAREERS	8	21,999.	0.		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: THE LYRIC PROVIDES SMALL GRANTS OF UP TO \$500 TO ARTISTS TO HELP FURTHER THEIR OPERA CAREERS. THE STUDENTS PROVIDE A DETAILED LISTING OF THE ITEMS THAT THEY REQUIRE FOR AUDITIONS, AIRFARE, LODGING, ETC. PRIOR TO A GRANT BEING AWARDED.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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

Name of the organization LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.	Employer identification number 44-0626124
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed 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 the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" 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 lines 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 persons 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
1b		
2		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) 2008

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
EVAN LUSKIN	(i)	161,004.	0.	0.	0.	14,291.	175,295.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
RUSSELL PATTERSON	(i)	20,000.	0.	0.	0.	0.	20,000.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
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	(ii)							

SCHEDULE J-2
(Form 990)

Continuation Sheet for Form 990

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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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LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.

Employer Identification number

44-0626124

Part I Continuation of 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			
MARIA A. KUNSTADTER, DDS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
PHYLLIS G. LEACH DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. REVIS C. LEWIS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALBERT P. MAURO DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
CARL L. MCCAFFREE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
EDWARD P. MILBANK DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RICHARD W. MILLER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. ERNEST NEIGHBOR DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MICHELLE RITTER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LANDON H. ROWLAND DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
TRICIA SCOTT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
LESSIE THOMPSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JODY TILLOTSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
THOMAS WALLINGFORD DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
EVAN LUSKIN GENERAL DIRECTOR	40.00			X			161,004.	0.	14,291.	
WARD HOLMQUIST ARTISTIC DIRECTOR	30.00				X		128,745.	0.	7,059.	
RUSSELL PATTERSON FORMER GENERAL DIRECTOR	1.00					X	20,000.	0.	0.	

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

▶ 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.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4: THE ORGANIZATION UPDATED ITS BYLAWS. THE CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS ELIMINATED SOME BOARD POSITIONS AND CHANGED THE VOTING ABILITY OF AD HOC BOARD MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: THE 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THEM PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE BOARD HAS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, WHICH REVIEWS THE PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION OF THE TOP TWO MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 990 ARE POSTED IN THE ABOUT US SECTION OF KCOPERA.ORG WEBSITE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Name of the organization LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC. **Employer identification number** 44-0626124

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

(A) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	(F) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION - 43-1888220, 1029 CENTRAL, KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	MISSOURI	501(C)(3)	170(B)(1) (A)(VI)	LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	X	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)		X
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)		X
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)		X
h Exchange of assets		X
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)		X
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)		X
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets		X
n Sharing of paid employees		X
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses		X
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	X	
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)		X
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION	C	40,000.
(2) LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY FOUNDATION	P	24,250.
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

TAX RETURN FILING INSTRUCTIONS

FORM 990-T

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

June 30, 2009

Prepared for	Mr. Evan Luskin Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Inc. 1029 Central Kansas City, MO 64105
Prepared by	RubinBrown LLP 10975 Grandview, Suite 600 Overland Park, KS 66210
Amount due or refund	No amount is due.
Make check payable to	No amount is due.
Mail tax return and check (if applicable) to	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Center Ogden, UT 84201-0027
Return must be mailed on or before	May 17, 2010
Special Instructions	The return should be signed and dated.

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2008 or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**

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501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed		Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.) LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.	Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions for Block D on page 9.) 44-0626124
B Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)	Print or Type	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see page 9 of instructions. 1029 CENTRAL	Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions for Block E on page 9.) 711110
		City or town, state, and ZIP code KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	
C Book value of all assets at end of year 12,074,161.	F Group exemption number (See instructions for Block F.) ▶		
	G Check organization type ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust		

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity. ▶ **RENTAL OF SETS**

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ▶ Yes No
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation. ▶

J The books are in care of ▶ **GREG HUBBARD** Telephone number ▶ **816-471-4933**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a Gross receipts or sales			
b Less returns and allowances c Balance ▶	1c		
2 Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)	2		
3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3		
4a Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)	4a		
b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)	4b		
c Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c		
5 Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)	5		
6 Rent income (Schedule C)	6 51,514.	53,433.	-1,919.
7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)	7		
8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Sch. F)	8		
9 Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)	9		
10 Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)	10		
11 Advertising income (Schedule J)	11		
12 Other income (See instructions; attach schedule.)	12		
13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13 51,514.	53,433.	-1,919.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (see instructions for limitations on deductions.)
(Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)

14 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	14	
15 Salaries and wages	15	
16 Repairs and maintenance	16	
17 Bad debts	17	
18 Interest (attach schedule)	18	
19 Taxes and licenses	19	
20 Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules.)	20	
21 Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	21	
22 Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	22a	22b
23 Depletion	23	
24 Contributions to deferred compensation plans	24	
25 Employee benefit programs	25	
26 Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	26	
27 Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	27	
28 Other deductions (attach schedule)	28	
29 Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28	29	0.
30 Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	30	-1,919.
31 Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	31	0.
32 Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	32	-1,919.
33 Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see instructions for exceptions)	33	1,000.
34 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	34	-1,919.

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation.
Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here
a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order):
(1) \$ (2) \$ (3) \$
b Enter organization's share of: (1) Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$
(2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$
c Income tax on the amount on line 34
36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from:
Tax rate schedule or Schedule D (Form 1041)
37 Proxy tax. See instructions
38 Alternative minimum tax
39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies

Part IV Tax and Payments

40a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)
b Other credits (see instructions)
c General business credit. Attach Form 3800
d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)
e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d
41 Subtract line 40e from line 39
42 Other taxes. Check if from: Form 4255 Form 8611 Form 8697 Form 8866 Other (attach schedule)
43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42
44a Payments: A 2007 overpayment credited to 2008
b 2008 estimated tax payments
c Tax deposited with Form 8868
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)
e Backup withholding (see instructions)
f Other credits and payments: Form 2439 Form 4136 Other
45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44f
46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached
47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed
48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid
49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: Credited to 2009 estimated tax Refunded

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (See instructions on page 18)

1 At any time during the 2008 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see page 5 of the instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation

N/A

1 Inventory at beginning of year
2 Purchases
3 Cost of labor
4a Additional section 263A costs
b Other costs (attach schedule)
5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b
6 Inventory at end of year
7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2
8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: GENERAL DIRECTOR
Date
Title
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: RUBINBROWN LLP
Date
Check if self-employed
Preparer's SSN or PTIN: P00881771
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code: 10975 GRANDVIEW, SUITE 600 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210
EIN: 43-0765316
Phone no.: 913-491-4144

Schedule C - Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property) (see instr. on pg 19)

1 Description of property

(1) SET RENTALS			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
2 Rent received or accrued		3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)	
(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	SEE STATEMENT 1	
(1)	51,514.	53,433.	
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
Total	0.	Total	51,514.
(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) ...		(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) ...	
51,514.		53,433.	

Schedule E - Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (See instructions on page 19)

1 Description of debt-financed property	2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property		
		(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)	
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6 Column 4 divided by column 5	7 Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8 Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A).		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B).
		0.		0.
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8				0.

Schedule F - Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (See instructions on page 20)

1 Name of controlled organization	2 Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4 Total of specified payments made	5 Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6 Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7 Taxable Income	8 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9 Total of specified payments made	10 Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11 Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals			Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A).	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B).
			0.	0.

Schedule G - Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions on page 21)

Table with 5 columns: 1 Description of income, 2 Amount of income, 3 Deductions directly connected, 4 Set-asides, 5 Total deductions and set-asides. Totals row shows 0.

Schedule I - Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions on page 21)

Table with 7 columns: 1 Description of exploited activity, 2 Gross unrelated business income, 3 Expenses directly connected, 4 Net income (loss), 5 Gross income from activity, 6 Expenses attributable, 7 Excess exempt expenses. Totals row shows 0.

Schedule J - Advertising Income (see instructions on page 21)

Part I: Table with 7 columns: 1 Name of periodical, 2 Gross advertising income, 3 Direct advertising costs, 4 Advertising gain or (loss), 5 Circulation income, 6 Readership costs, 7 Excess readership costs. Totals row shows 0.

Part II: Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

Table with 7 columns: 1 Name of periodical, 2 Gross advertising income, 3 Direct advertising costs, 4 Advertising gain or (loss), 5 Circulation income, 6 Readership costs, 7 Excess readership costs. Totals row shows 0.

Schedule K - Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions on page 22)

Table with 4 columns: 1 Name, 2 Title, 3 Percent of time devoted to business, 4 Compensation attributable to unrelated business. Total row shows 0.

FORM 990-T DEDUCTIONS CONNECTED WITH RENTAL INCOME STATEMENT 1

DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY NUMBER	AMOUNT	TOTAL
SET STORAGE		30,708.	
PAYROLL TAXES		1,738.	
WAGES & BENEFITS		20,987.	
- SUBTOTAL -	1		53,433.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-T, SCHEDULE C, COLUMN 3			53,433.

• 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 LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.	Employer identification number 44-0626124
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1029 CENTRAL	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	

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

- Form 990 Form 990-EZ Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) Form 1041-A Form 5227 Form 8870
- Form 990-BL Form 990-PF Form 990-T (trust other than above) Form 4720 Form 6069

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

GREG HUBBARD

• The books are in the care of **▶ 1029 CENTRAL - KANSAS CITY, MO 64105**
Telephone No. **▶ 816-471-4933** FAX No. **▶**

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box **X**
• 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.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2010**.
5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**.
6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension
TAXPAYER REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TIME IN ORDER TO GATHER THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE 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 instructions.	8c	\$ N/A

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 **▶** Title **▶ GENERAL DIRECTOR** Date **▶**

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

For calendar year 2008, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2008, and ending JUN 30, 2009

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**
▶ **See instructions.**

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

LYRIC OPERA OF KANSAS CITY, INC.

44-0626124

Name and title of officer

**EVAN LUSKIN
GENERAL DIRECTOR**

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount from the return if any. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return for which you are filing this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, line 12)	1b <u>4863306</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2008 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) an indication of any refund offset, (c) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (d) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize RUBINBROWN LLP to enter my PIN 26124
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2008 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2008 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit EFIN followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN. 43400381771
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2008 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**