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Form **990**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 6/01, 2016, and ending 5/31, 2017

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Houston Symphony Society 615 Louisiana St. #102 Houston, TX 77002	D Employer identification number 74-1157373 E Telephone number 713-224-4240 G Gross receipts \$ <u>32,953,183.</u>
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F Name and address of principal officer: <u>Janet Clark</u> <u>Same As C Above</u>	H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)
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I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ www.houstonsymphony.org **H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ **L** Year of formation: 1913 **M** State of legal domicile: TX

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>The mission of the Houston Symphony is to inspire and engage a large and diverse audience in Greater Houston and beyond through exceptional orchestral performances, educational programs and community activities.</u>		
Activities & Governance	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	123
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	120
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	544
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	850
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	18,418,761.	21,024,630.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	10,569,742.	11,002,982.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	39,792.	
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	-164,229.	-449,360.
		28,864,066.	31,578,252.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	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)	20,040,609.	21,546,026.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	14,698.	226,195.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>3,701,203.</u>		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	11,445,084.	11,658,059.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	31,500,391.	33,430,280.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,636,325.	-1,852,028.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	11,580,705.	12,498,458.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	24,403,871.	25,678,657.
		-12,823,166.	-13,180,199.

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	<u>Electronically Filed</u> Signature of officer	Date
	<u>Elizabeth Condic</u> Type or print name and title	CFO

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Jody Blazek</u>	Preparer's signature <u>Jody Blazek</u>	Date <u>4/17/18</u>	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <u>P00072674</u>
	Firm's name ▶ <u>Blazek & Vetterling</u>			Firm's EIN ▶ <u>76-0269860</u>	
	Firm's address ▶ <u>2900 Wesleyan, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77027-5132</u>			Phone no. <u>(713) 439-5739</u>	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of the Houston Symphony is to inspire and engage a large and diverse audience in Greater Houston and beyond through exceptional orchestral performances, educational programs and community activities.

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 10,971,775. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 4,051,002.)

See Schedule O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 9,584,492. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,616,720.)

See Schedule O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 5,149,096. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 4,335,260.)

See Schedule O

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 25,705,363.

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 <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	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, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments – other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments – program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>	X	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.</i>	X	
13	Is the organization a school 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 United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions).	X	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions 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 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H.</i>		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government 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 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a.</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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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 Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <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, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	X	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1.</i>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with 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
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. 130		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 0		
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2 a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. 544		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4 a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5 c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6 a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6 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).		
7 a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9 b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10 b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13 b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13 c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14 a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 1 a 123 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
1 b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent. 1 b 120		
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? . . . See Schedule O	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 governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . See Schedule O	X	
7 a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . See Schedule O	X	
7 b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8 a	a The governing body?	X	
8 b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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 (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10 a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11 a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11 b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. See Schedule O		
12 a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13.	X	
12 b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12 c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. . See Schedule O	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did 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?		
15 a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. See Schedule O	X	
15 b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization. See Schedule O	X	
	If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16 a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take 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 (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. See Schedule O
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ▶
Elizabeth Condic, CPA 615 Louisiana St. #102 Houston TX 77002 713-238-1465

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII.

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

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- 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 neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(1) Steven P. Mach President	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Bobby Tudor Chairman	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Janet F. Clark President-Elect	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Robert A. Peiser Imm Past Pres.	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) Mike S. Stude Chairman Emerit	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) Barbara McCelvey Secretary	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(7) Gene Dewhurst Chair Brd Gover	4 2	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) Barbara J. Burger Chair Finance	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(9) David Pruner Chair Planning	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) Justice Brett Busby Chair Ar & Orc	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) Gloria G. Pryzant Chair Marketing	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) Anthony Bohnert Chair Audit	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(13) Donna Shen Chair Community	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(14) Jerry Simon Chair Developmt	4 0	X		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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(15) Viviana Denechaud Cochair Develp	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(16) Billy McCartney Chair Education	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(17) Danielle Batchelor Chair Program	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(18) Mary Lynn Marks Chair Vol & S.E	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(19) Jesse B. Tutor Past Chairman	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(20) Darlene Clark Pres. Symph Lea	4 0	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(21) Samuel Abraham Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) Philip A. Bahr Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) Janice H. Barrow Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) Gary Beauchamp Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) Devinder Bhatia Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
1 b Sub-total								0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								1,778,128.	0.	177,254.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,778,128.	0.	177,254.
2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 49										

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person.</i>		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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Tuscany Productions LLC 1314 E. Las Olas Blvd, Ste 3 Fort Lauderdale	Artist Fee	1,710,484.
Strike Marketing 906 Rutland Street Houston, TX 77008	Marketing	849,367.
Jackson & Coompany PO Box 13260 River Oaks Station Houston, TX 77219	Catering	520,105.
Andres Orozco-Estrada 190 Oak Place Drive Houston, TX 77006	Conducting	405,086.
Houston First Corporation PO Box 61469 Houston, TX 77208	Hall rental	366,320.
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 27		

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Marie Taylor Bosarge Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Meherwan P. Boyce Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Nancy S. Bratic Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Terry A. Brown Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Ralph Burch Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Prentiss C. Burt Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Cheryl Byington Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Andrew Calder Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Dougal A. Cameron Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
John T. Cater Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Donna Chapman Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Michael H. Clark Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Kelli Cohen Fein Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Evan D. Collins Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Bradley Corson Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Andrew Davis Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Ronald DePinho Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Tracy Dieterich Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Michael Doherty Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Craig A. Fox Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Julia A. Frankel Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
David Frankfort	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Ronald G. Franklin	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Allen M. Gelwick	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Stephen W. Glenn	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Evan B. Glick	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Julianne Gorte	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Alexandra Gottschalk	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Susan A. Hansen	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Eric J. Haufrect	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Gary L. Hollingsworth	0									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Marianne Ivany	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Brian James	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Rita Justice	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Joan Kaplan	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
I. Ray Kirk	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Ulyesse J. LeGrange	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Rochelle Levit	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Carlos J. López	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Cora Sue Mach	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Michael Mann	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Paul M. Mann	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Rodney H. Margolis	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Jay Marks	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
David Massin	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
John N. Matzer III	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Jackie W. Mazow	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Gene McDavid	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Alexander K. McLanahan	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Gary Mercer	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Marilyn Miles	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Janet Moore	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Paul R. Morico	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Bobbie Newman	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Tassie Nicandros	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Scott Nyquist	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Kevin O'Gorman	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
John Onstott	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Edward C. Osterberg Jr.	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Gregory Powers	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Richard Rabinow	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Ron R. Rand	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Gabriel Rio	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Richard Robbins Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
J. Hugh Roff Jr. Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
John Rydman Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Manolo Sanchez Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Ed Schneider Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Helen P. Shaffer Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Michael E. Shannon Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Robert B. Sloan Jr. Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Jim R. Smith Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Miles O. Smith Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Tad Smith Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
David Stanard Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
James D. Stein Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Ishwaria Subbiah Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
David Tai Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Brian J. Thomas Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
L. Proctor Thomas III Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
William Toomey II Governing Dir	2 2	X						0.	0.	0.
Shirley Toomin Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Andrew Truscott Trustee	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.
Betty Tutor Governing Dir	2 0	X						0.	0.	0.

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Judith Vincent	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Margaret Waisman	2									
Trustee	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Fredric A. Weber	2									
Trustee	2	X					0.	0.	0.	
Diana Weil	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Robert Weiner	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Vicki West	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
James T. Willerson	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Margaret Alkek Williams	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Steven J. Williams	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Edmond D. Wulfe	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Scott Wulfe	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
David J. Wuthrich	2									
Governing Dir	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Robert Yekovich	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Frank Yonish	2									
Trustee	0	X					0.	0.	0.	
Mark Hanson	40									
Exec Dir./CEO	0			X			512,899.	0.	22,294.	
Danny Granados	40									
CFO	0			X			165,900.	0.	9,287.	
David Chambers	40									
Chief Development Officer	0				X		249,228.	0.	16,704.	
Brinton Smith	40									
Musician	0					X	178,906.	0.	29,096.	
Jonathan Fischer	40									
Musician	0					X	177,359.	0.	16,012.	
Eric Halen	40									
Musician	0					X	176,617.	0.	22,456.	
William Ver Meulen	40									
Musician	0					X	165,438.	0.	31,165.	

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
<u>Mark Hughes</u> <u>Musician</u>	<u>40</u> <u>0</u>					X		<u>151,781.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>30,240.</u>

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c 1,722,614.				
	d Related organizations	1 d 5,109,106.				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e 1,174,771.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 13,018,139.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	1,459,447.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶ 21,024,630.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>Classical and pops series</u>		Business Code			
		711130	6,667,722.	6,667,722.		
	b <u>Other concerts</u>	711130	4,335,260.	4,335,260.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶ 11,002,982.					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)	▶				
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	▶				
	5 Royalties	▶				
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
		d Net rental income or (loss)	▶			
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(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.. \$ 1,722,614. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a 925,571.				
	b Less: direct expenses	b 1,374,931.				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	▶ -449,360.			-449,360.	
	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						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶					
12 Total revenue. See instructions	▶ 31,578,252.	11,002,982.	0.	-449,360.		

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX.

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	710,380.	577,425.	64,771.	68,184.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	15,985,068.	12,993,291.	1,457,491.	1,534,286.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	941,004.	764,885.	85,799.	90,320.
9 Other employee benefits	2,743,648.	2,061,357.	323,838.	358,453.
10 Payroll taxes	1,165,926.	947,710.	106,308.	111,908.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	226,195.			226,195.
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	1,461,585.	1,121,053.	327,108.	13,424.
12 Advertising and promotion	954,334.	950,460.	1,652.	2,222.
13 Office expenses	1,057,272.	674,280.	107,500.	275,492.
14 Information technology	255,875.		255,875.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,128,098.	660,029.	458,146.	9,923.
17 Travel	182,485.	118,734.	12,493.	51,258.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	95,832.	44,453.	25,319.	26,060.
20 Interest	163,383.		163,383.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	219,149.	174,098.	45,051.	
23 Insurance	109,351.	886.	108,465.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Concert production expenses</u>	3,598,794.	3,598,794.		
b <u>Stage expense - supplies/equip</u>	1,017,198.	1,017,198.		
c <u>Event expenses</u>	927,896.			927,896.
d <u>Loss adjustment</u>	394,450.		394,450.	
e All other expenses	92,357.	710.	86,065.	5,582.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	33,430,280.	25,705,363.	4,023,714.	3,701,203.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing.....	1,951,856.	1	571,217.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments.....		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net.....	7,089,698.	3	9,594,414.
	4 Accounts receivable, net.....	137,999.	4	218,956.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.....	32,462.	5	21,255.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). 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.....	1,183,957.	9	1,060,603.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.....	10a 3,559,598.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation.....	10b 2,527,585.	1,184,733.	10c 1,032,013.
	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.....		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).....	11,580,705.	16	12,498,458.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	3,689,190.	17	2,949,622.
	18 Grants payable.....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue.....	4,389,275.	19	3,948,698.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities.....		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.....		21	
	22 Loans and other 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.....	6,564,448.	23	10,932,854.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties.....		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.....	9,760,958.	25	7,847,483.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.....	24,403,871.	26	25,678,657.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets.....	-17,076,583.	27	-18,048,905.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets.....	4,253,417.	28	4,868,706.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets.....		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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.....	-12,823,166.	33	-13,180,199.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.....	11,580,705.	34	12,498,458.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI.

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	31,578,252.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	33,430,280.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,852,028.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-12,823,166.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O</u>	9	1,494,995.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	-13,180,199.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII.

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.			
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 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	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3 a	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
3 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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Form 990 (2016)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization Houston Symphony Society	Employer identification number 74-1157373
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 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 in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	22940791.	17460596.	22062498.	18418761.	21024630.	101907276.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3.	22940791.	17460596.	22062498.	18418761.	21024630.	101907276.
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)						9,302,491.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						92,604,785.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	22940791.	17460596.	22062498.	18418761.	21024630.	101907276.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	4,883.	19,929.	102,367.	38,618.		165,797.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						102073073.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	51,728,257.
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 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	90.72 %
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	70.48 %

16a **33-1/3% support test—2016.** 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. ▶

b **33-1/3% support test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.** 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 VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.** 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 VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(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 through 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 \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
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) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(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 VI.)						
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 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	%

19a 33-1/3% support tests—2016. 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—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ('foreign supported organization')? <i>If 'Yes' and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If 'Yes,' provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If 'Yes,' answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If 'Yes' to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If 'No,' describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If 'No,' describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If 'No,' explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If 'Yes,' then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>			
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If 'Yes,' explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4).	8	

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions table with 2 columns: Description and Current Year. Rows include amounts paid to supported organizations, administrative expenses, and total annual distributions.

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) table with 4 columns: Description, (i) Excess Distributions, (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016, and (iii) Distributable Amount for 2016. Rows include distributable amount, underdistributions, and carryover calculations.

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.
(See instructions.)

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Schedule of Contributors

► **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2016

Name of the organization

Houston Symphony Society

Employer identification number

74-1157373

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

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 an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

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

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled 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. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution. An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

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Houston Symphony Society

74-1157373

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	----- ----- -----	\$ 1,000,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	----- ----- -----	\$ 950,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	----- ----- -----	\$ 505,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	----- ----- -----	\$ 5,109,106.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	----- ----- -----	\$ 844,495.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	----- ----- -----	\$ 1,549,938.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	----- ----- -----	\$ 503,800.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	----- ----- -----	\$ 655,250.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
---	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
---	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
6	Securities - Publicly traded ----- ----- -----	\$ 880,045.	12/31/16
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ *N/A*
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	<i>N/A</i>		
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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-----	-----	-----	-----

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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-----	-----	-----	-----

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of 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 can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2 a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2 b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2 c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2 d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation 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 XIII, 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' on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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) Revenue included on 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on 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 acquisition, 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 XIII.

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

1 a 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 XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1 c
d Additions during the year	1 d
e Distributions during the year	1 e
f Ending balance	1 f

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance	72,640,980.	75,501,151.	73,729,642.	71,276,690.	66,511,868.
b Contributions	553,844.	4,109,801.	3,711,580.	76,808.	47,898.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	6,524,797.	-2,437,539.	2,331,320.	6,500,460.	9,275,620.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	5,109,106.	4,532,433.	4,271,391.	4,124,316.	4,558,696.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	74,610,515.	72,640,980.	75,501,151.	73,729,642.	71,276,690.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment 100.00 %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	X
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	X
b If 'Yes' on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	X

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land		16,915.		16,915.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		284,878.	267,464.	17,414.
d Equipment		3,080,874.	2,130,675.	950,199.
e Other		176,931.	129,446.	47,485.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,032,013.

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Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

N/A

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
(I) -----		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

N/A

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

N/A

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Accrued pension liability	6,905,528.
(3) Due to affiliated organization	941,955.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)	7,847,483.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII.

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return. N/A

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements.....		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments.....	2 a		
	b Donated services and use of facilities.....	2 b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants.....	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d.....		2 e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1.....		3	
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.....	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b.....		4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.).....		5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return. N/A

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements.....		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities.....	2 a		
	b Prior year adjustments.....	2 b		
	c Other losses.....	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	2 d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d.....		2 e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1.....		3	
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.....	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.).....	4 b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b.....		4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.).....		5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses Of Endowment Fund

Houston Symphony Endowment (the Endowment) was established to support the operations of the Houston Symphony Society. The Endowment holds contributed funds in perpetuity, invests those funds, and makes contributions from time to time to the Society. Such contributions must meet the stated restrictions of donors as well as the current policies of the Endowment. The Endowment is governed by a Board of Directors who are elected by the officers of the Board of Directors of the Society.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Houston Symphony Society

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? **Yes** **No**

b If 'Yes,' list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 DCM 330 W 38th St STE 207 New York NY 10018	Telefundng		X		212,221.	
2 Aria Comm. Corp 11900 Wayzata Minnetonka MN 55305	Telefundng		X		13,974.	
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total					226,195.	0.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

REVENUE	(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events		
	Ball (event type)	Opening Night (event type)	2 (total number)	(add column (a) through column (c))		
1	Gross receipts	1,538,948.	552,541.	556,696.	2,648,185.	
2	Less: Contributions	1,055,599.	378,541.	288,474.	1,722,614.	
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	483,349.	174,000.	268,222.	925,571.	
DIRECT EXPENSES	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	6,176.	4,850.	5,857.	16,883.
	7	Food and beverages	220,141.	159,310.	147,526.	526,977.
	8	Entertainment	62,159.	62,138.	3,910.	128,207.
	9	Other direct expenses	498,451.	54,026.	150,387.	702,864.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				1,374,931.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-449,360.	

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

REVENUE	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))	
	1	Gross revenue			
DIRECT EXPENSES	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash 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. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

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

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If 'No,' explain: _____

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13 a	%
b An outside facility	13 b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15 a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

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 of the third party:

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? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions

**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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▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Houston Symphony Society

Employer identification number

74-1157373

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1 a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. Part III		
<input type="checkbox"/>	First-class or charter travel		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes on line 1a are 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. Part III	1 b	X
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	X
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent compensation consultant		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Form 990 of other organizations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written employment contract		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compensation survey or study		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4 a	X
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4 b	X
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4 c	X
	If 'Yes' to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
a	The organization?	5 a	X
b	Any related organization?	5 b	X
	If 'Yes' on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6	For persons listed on 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?	6 a	X
b	Any related organization?	6 b	X
	If 'Yes' on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.	7	X
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.	8	X
9	If 'Yes' on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2016

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on 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) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns(B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Mark Hanson Exec Dir./CEO	(i)	512,899.	0.	0.	0.	22,294.	535,193.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2 Danny Granados CFO	(i)	165,900.	0.	0.	0.	9,287.	175,187.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3 David Chambers Chief Development Officer	(i)	249,228.	0.	0.	0.	16,704.	265,932.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
4 Brinton Smith Musician	(i)	178,906.	0.	0.	6,332.	22,764.	208,002.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
5 Jonathan Fischer Musician	(i)	177,359.	0.	0.	6,245.	9,767.	193,371.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 Eric Halen Musician	(i)	176,617.	0.	0.	6,332.	16,124.	199,073.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 William Ver Meulen Musician	(i)	165,438.	0.	0.	6,332.	24,833.	196,603.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Mark Hughes Musician	(i)	151,781.	0.	0.	6,332.	23,908.	182,021.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Part 1, Line 1a - Relevant Information Regarding Compensation Benefits

Due to the social aspect of their positions, the benefits provided are customary and necessary.

Part I, Line 1b - Reason For Not Following Policy Regarding Payments

Mark Hanson, Chief Executive Officer, and David Chambers, Chief Development Officer were allowed to include companions on some of their business related trips. This is considered necessary due to the social aspect of their positions.

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions With Interested Persons

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1) Eric Halen	Employee			Instrument purch		X	161,663.	21,255.	
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total						▶\$	21,255.					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2016

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Dougal Cameron	Trustee	367,375.	Office rental		X
(2) Rand Group	Owned by Gov Dir				
(3)		187,867.	IT services		X
(4) Betsey Cook Weber	Wife of Director				
(5)		45,000.	Compensation		X
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art – Works of art.....				
2 Art – Historical treasures.....				
3 Art – Fractional interests.....				
4 Books and publications.....				
5 Clothing and household goods.....				
6 Cars and other vehicles.....				
7 Boats and planes.....				
8 Intellectual property.....				
9 Securities – Publicly traded.....	X	24	1,035,982.	NYSE
10 Securities – Closely held stock.....				
11 Securities – Partnership, LLC, or trust interests.....				
12 Securities – Miscellaneous.....				
13 Qualified conservation contribution – Historic structures.....				
14 Qualified conservation contribution – Other.....				
15 Real estate – Residential.....				
16 Real estate – Commercial.....				
17 Real estate – Other.....				
18 Collectibles.....				
19 Food inventory.....				
20 Drugs and medical supplies.....				
21 Taxidermy.....				
22 Historical artifacts.....				
23 Scientific specimens.....				
24 Archeological artifacts.....				
25 Other ▶ (Violins.....)	X	1	35,650.	Appraisal
26 Other ▶ (Event supplies.....)	X	1	80,694.	Cost
27 Other ▶ (Auction items.....)	X		307,121.	FMV
28 Other ▶ (.....)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement..... **29** 1

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?.....		X
b If 'Yes,' describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?.....	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?.....	X	
b If 'Yes,' describe in Part II. See Part II		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Part I, Line 32 - Hire and Use of Third Parties

Securities are submitted to and sold via Merrill Lynch. Items requiring form 8283 must be independently appraised by third party paid by donor.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - Program Service Accomplishments

POPS Season

The 2016-17 Season was the final year for Principal POPS Conductor Michael Krajewski, as he prepared to hand the baton to his successor, Steven Reineke. Between them, Krajewski conducted five, and Reineke four, of the nine POPS Season concert weekends. The season featured the musical talents of Linda Eder (Linda Eder Sings Judy Garland), Tony DeSare (I Love a Piano), AJ Swearingen and Jonathan Beedle (The Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel), Pink Martini featuring China Forbes (Pink Martini Returns), Debbie Gravitte (Bond & Beyond), and Lisa Vroman, Doug LaBrecque and Rachel York (Classic Broadway). As part of its 70th anniversary celebration, the Houston Symphony Chorus performed in two POPS Season concerts, Very Merry Pops and Classic Broadway. Krajewski's tenure came to an end with the season's final concert weekend, Classic Broadway, over the Memorial Day weekend.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Program Service Accomplishments

Classical Season

Under the leadership of Andrés Orozco-Estrada in his third season as music director, the orchestra continued a run of remarkable artistic accomplishments. The Symphony released its first Grammy-winning recording, a CD of Berg: Wozzeck, which was performed in 2013 under former Music Director Hans Graf. Andrés' emphasis on the music of North and South America continued, with performances of works by George Gershwin, Silvestre Revueitas, Leonard Bernstein and Astor Piazzolla, recorded for commercial release on the Music of the Americas CD. The Houston Symphony continues its dedication to new music: the season began in September with a program featuring works by the two winners of the Young Composer Competition: Pathways, by American

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Program Service Accomplishments

composer Benjamin Krause, and El Sombbrero, by Colombian composer Victor Agudelo. This was also the final season of Gabriela Lena Frank's service as Composer-in-Residence; she closed her tenure with her innovative Conquest Requiem, performed in May 2017; her successor is a notable young Peruvian-born composer, Jimmy López. Guest artists for the season included violinists Leonidas Kavakos and Gil Shaham, and pianists Daniil Trifonov, Jeffrey Kahane, Behzod Abduraimov, Denis Kozhukhin, Ingrid Fliter and Yefim Bronfman. Andrés is also dedicated to inviting members of the Houston community, particularly school children, to collaborate artistically with the orchestra. In September 2016, artwork by students at three area schools, inspired by Haydn's The Creation, was projected on in-hall screens during a performance of that piece. Then, in May 2017, 50 students between ages 8 and 12 from partner school dance programs performed in accompaniment to Stravinsky's Petrushka. The 2016-17 Season also marked the 70th anniversary of the Houston Symphony Chorus, which was spotlighted in a number of concerts, including Haydn's The Creation. During the 2016-17 Season, the orchestra expanded to 88 members with the addition of double bass Andrew Pederson. Andrés will continue to serve as the Houston Symphony's music director through the 2021-22 Season, thanks to a contract extension announced in March 2017.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Program Service Accomplishments

Education and Community

The Houston Symphony continues to expand and professionalize its industry-leading Education and Community Programming. The Symphony 2016-17 was the second year of the Community-Embedded Musician (CEM) initiative, with four musicians who dedicated 80% of their working hours to serving the Houston community through more than 700 services at schools, neighborhood centers, health care settings, and other community

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Program Service Accomplishments

venues. In 2017, the CEM initiative was recognized with a grant from the League of American Orchestras' new Futures Fund program. The CEMs played a crucial role in the second year of the Symphony's residency at Crespo Elementary School, the Music and Wellness Initiative, a summer program with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, and pre- and post-concert school visits that enhance classroom instruction related to the Student Concert Series. They also participated in the ongoing High School Residency Program, supported by Occidental Petroleum, which provides workshops, rehearsals, master classes and performances to music students at eight area high schools. The Student Concert Series welcomed more than 50,000 students 367 public, private and home schools. Student concerts truly serve the entire Greater Houston area, with 34 local school districts participating.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Business or Family Relationship of Officers, Directors, Etc.

Joan Kaplan, Governing Director & Trustee and Rodney Margolis, Governing Director and Trustee have a family relationship. Betty Tutor, Governing Director & Lifetime Trustee and Jesse Tutor, Governing Director and Lifetime Trustee have a family relationship. Cora Sue Mach, Governing Director and Lifetime Trustee and Steven P. Mach, President board Governance, Exec. Committee, Governing Director and Trustee have a family relationship. Janice Barrow, Lifetime Trustee and Barbara McCelvey, Gov. Director and Trustee have a family relationship.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder

Members of the Society are defined as anyone who has contributed, or on whose behalf there has been a contribution of at least \$100. Ten or more members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body

One regular meeting of the members of the Society shall be held each year in the month of May for the purpose of electing a Board of Trustees for the ensuing fiscal

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body (continued)

year. The Board of Trustees elect the Governing Directors and Officers of the Society. The Board of Trustees are not listed in Part VII as the governance of the Society is entrusted to the Governing Directors.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Form 990 Review Process

The Form 990 is reviewed by the Director of Finance and CEO before filing with the IRS. Once that review is complete, an electronic version is provided to the Governing Directors before filing with the IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts

The Conflict of Interest Policy is provided annually to the Governing Board for their review and signature. If a conflict is noted the Trustee is asked to recuse himself from any applicable decisions.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Review & Approval Process - CEO & Top Management

Annually the Human Resources staff obtains salary surveys for both the Houston area and similarly sized Symphonies. The Human Resources staff then shares the information with the Board President. The Compensation Committee, consisting of the Board President, Board Chairman, and any other members as may be appointed by the Executive Committee, are responsible for reviewing the comparative data and approving the Executive Director/CEO's compensation package. Budget constraints are taken into account.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process - Officers & Key Employees

Annually the Director, Human Resources obtains salary surveys for both the Houston area and the Symphony universe. The Director then shares the information with the Board President. The Compensation Committee, consisting of the Board President, Board Chairman, and any other members as may be appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time, are responsible for approving the compensation packages for the Chief Financial Officer and other key employees. Budget constraints are taken into

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process - Officers & Key Employees (continued)

account.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

The audited financial statements and Form 990 are available on our website.

Governing documents are available upon request through the Symphony offices.

**Form 990, Part XI, Line 9
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances**

Change in value of pension liability under FASB 87.....	\$ 1,494,995.
Total	<u>\$ 1,494,995.</u>

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
 - ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) 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
(1) ----- ----- -----					
(2) ----- ----- -----					
(3) ----- ----- -----					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(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	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Houston Symphony Endowment 615 Louisiana St. #102 Houston, TX 77002 20-8350227	Support the Houston Symphony	TX	501 (c) (3)	509 (a) (3) 1	Houston Symphony Society	X	
(2) ----- ----- -----							
(3) ----- ----- -----							
(4) ----- ----- -----							

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) ----- ----- -----												
(2) ----- ----- -----												
(3) ----- ----- -----												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) ----- ----- -----									
(2) ----- ----- -----									
(3) ----- ----- -----									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

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?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1 a		X
1 b		X
1 c	X	
1 d		X
1 e	X	
1 f		X
1 g		X
1 h		X
1 i		X
1 j		X
1 k		X
1 l	X	
1 m		X
1 n	X	
1 o	X	
1 p		X
1 q	X	
1 r		X
1 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 related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) Houston Symphony Endowment	c	5,109,106.	Cash
(2) Houston Symphony Endowment	e	10,932,854.	Loan guarantee
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) ----- ----- -----													
(2) ----- ----- -----													
(3) ----- ----- -----													
(4) ----- ----- -----													
(5) ----- ----- -----													
(6) ----- ----- -----													
(7) ----- ----- -----													
(8) ----- ----- -----													

Part VII **Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.
