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2024

Name of filer

SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

EIN or SSN

23-7089047

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax

RICHARD A RUSSELL, GENERAL DIRECTOR

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	16,304,896
2a	Form 990-EZ check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	Form 990-T check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	Form 4720 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	Form 5330 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	Form 8038-CP check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above entity or I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

I authorize MAULDIN & JENKINS, LLC to enter my PIN

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 as my signature
ERO firm name
Enter five numbers, but
do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

Date

12/22/2025

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

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Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2024 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature BRIAN CARTER

Date 11/19/2025

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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2024

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning		06/01	, 2024, and ending	05/31	, 20 25
B Check if applicable:		C Name of organization SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.		D Employer identification number 23-7089047	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Doing business as			
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)		Room/suite	E Telephone number (941) 366-8450
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		61 N PINEAPPLE AVENUE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code			
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		SARASOTA, FL 34236		G Gross receipts \$ 31,345,589	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		F Name and address of principal officer: RICHARD A. RUSSELL SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions.	
J Website: WWW.SARASOTAOOPERA.ORG				H(c) Group exemption number	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other				L Year of formation: 1961	M State of legal domicile: FL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SARASOTA OPERA PRODUCES IMPASSIONED OPERA PERFORMANCES TRUE TO THE VISION OF THE COMPOSER, TO ENTERTAIN, ENRICH, EDUCATE, AND INSPIRE A LIFE-LONG LOVE OF OPERA IN OUR DIVERSE AND GROWING COMMUNITIES.		
	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	30
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	29
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	144
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	165
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0
Revenue			Prior Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	4,391,593	11,640,944
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	3,608,610	3,617,865
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	434,595	703,610
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	485,717	342,477
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	8,920,515	16,304,896
Expenses			Current Year
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	14,000	15,000
	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)	5,149,700	5,846,626
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	760,099	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	4,641,274	4,693,242
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	9,804,974	10,554,868
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	(884,459)	5,750,028
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	30,963,445	36,969,853
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	8,266,232	8,069,205
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	22,697,213	28,900,648

Part I Signature Block

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

**Sign
Here**

Signature of officer

RICHARD A RUSSELL, GENERAL DIRECTOR

Date

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name BRIAN CARTER	Preparer's signature BRIAN CARTER	Date 11/19/2025	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00536712
	Firm's name MAULDIN & JENKINS, LLC		Firm's EIN 58-0692043		
	Firm's address 1401 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, SUITE 1200, BRADENTON, FL 34205		Phone no. (941) 747-4483		

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2024)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SARASOTA OPERA PRODUCES IMPASSIONED OPERA PERFORMANCES TRUE TO THE VISION OF THE COMPOSER, TO ENTERTAIN, ENRICH, EDUCATE, AND INSPIRE A LIFE-LONG LOVE OF OPERA IN OUR DIVERSE AND GROWING COMMUNITIES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

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

4 Describe the 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 \$ 7,830,337 including grants of \$ 15,000) (Revenue \$ 3,917,654)

IN THE FALL OF 2024, THE OPERA PRESENTED TWO PERFORMANCES OF GIUSEPPE VERDI'S MUSIC TO NEARLY SOLD OUT HOUSES, WHILE OUR YOUTH OPERA PROGRAM, WITH IT'S GROWING PARTICIPATION, PRESENTED TWO PERFORMANCES OF THE HOBBIT. THE WINTER FESTIVAL CONSISTED OF THIRTY-THREE PERFORMANCES, TWO MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. FOUR DIFFERENT OPERAS WERE PRESENTED IN FRONT OF OVER 28,000 PATRONS. IN ADDITION TO THESE LIVE MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCES, THE OPERA CONTINUED ITS PRESENTATION OF CLASSIC AND CLASSICAL HD MOVIES. COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS, IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND TEACHER WORKSHOPS CONTINUED TO EXPAND. THE OPERA'S TWO GUILD ORGANIZATIONS ARE GROWING AND CREATING ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

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

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 7,830,337

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	✓	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	✓	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		✓
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions		
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23 ✓	
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a ✓	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
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?	24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b ✓	
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26 ✓	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27 ✓	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a ✓	
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b ✓	
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c ✓	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29 ✓	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30 ✓	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31 ✓	
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33 ✓	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34 ✓	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a ✓	
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37 ✓	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38 ✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 243	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c ✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	144
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	✓
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	✓
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).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	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?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
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?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	✓
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
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?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	
Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
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	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15	✓
If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16	✓
If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?	17	
If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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 on 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

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year **1a** 30 Yes No

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 on Schedule O.

1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent **1b** 29 Yes No

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? **2** Yes No

3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? **3** Yes No

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **4** Yes No

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? **5** Yes No

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? **6** Yes No

7a 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? **7a** Yes No

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? **7b** Yes No

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: **8a** Yes No

a The governing body? **8b** Yes No

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **9** Yes No

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 on Schedule O **9** Yes No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **10a** Yes No

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? **10b** Yes No

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? **11a** Yes No

b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. **12a** Yes No

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 **12b** Yes No

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? **12c** Yes No

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done. **13** Yes No

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? **14** Yes No

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? **15** Yes No

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? **15a** Yes No

a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official **15b** Yes No

b Other officers or key employees of the organization **16a** Yes No

If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. **16b** Yes No

16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? **16b** Yes No

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? **16b** Yes No

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed FL **17** Yes No

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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. **18** Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O) **19** Yes No

19 Describe on 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. **20** Yes No

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records. **KEN TARASI, 61 N PINEAPPLE AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL 34236, (941) 366-8450**

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

1a 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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee			
(1) RICHARD RUSSELL GENERAL DIRECTOR	50.0			✓			325,139	0	10,668
(2) KENNETH TARASI DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	50.0			✓			117,070	0	10,343
(3) ARTHUR SICILIANO CHAIR	5.0	✓		✓			0	0	0
(4) KATHERINE BENOIT VICE CHAIR	5.0	✓		✓			0	0	0
(5) RON ARCHBOLD TREASURER	5.0	✓		✓			0	0	0
(6) STEVE SABATO SECRETARY	5.0	✓		✓			0	0	0
(7) ALASTAIR HUNTER-HENDERSON TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(8) CAROL ENGLISH TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(9) DAVID CHAIFETZ TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(10) DAVID L. BIALOSKY TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(11) DONALD J WORTHINGTON TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(12) J SUMNER BAGBY TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(13) JANET STERN SOLOMON TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			0	0	0
(14) JEFF TROIANO TRUSTEE	2.0			✓			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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated			
(15) JOHN F. SUHRE	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(16) JOSEPH MALLOF	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(17) MARY J. MITCHELL	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(18) MICHAL WADSWORTH	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(19) PATRICIA DODGE	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(20) PAUL DELAUBO	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(21) RICHARD DEGENNARO	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(22) ROSANNE MARTORELLA	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(23) SUE NEUMANN	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(24) SUSAN K. STRAUS	2.0									
TRUSTEE		✓						0	0	0
(25) (SEE PART VII CONTINUATION SHEET)										
1b Subtotal								442,209	0	21,011
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								442,209	0	21,011

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 2

	Yes	No
3		✓
4	✓	
5		✓

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
DERENZI & SUNDINE, INC, 1111 N GULFSTREAM AVE, SARASOTA, FL 34236	ARTISTIC DIRECTION, STAGE DIRECTION, CON	589,277
UNITED MECHANICAL, LLC, 8170 MAINLINE PARKWAY, FT MYERS, FL 33912	HVAC INSTALLATION AND SERVICES	400,982
7201 15TH STREET, LLC, 1810 W KENNEDY BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33606	SET WAREHOUSE STORAGE	312,993
BIH ENT I SARASOTA, LLC, BAILEY INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, 912 W. PLATT ST., SUITE 200, TAMPA, FL 33606	COSTUME WAREHOUSE STORAGE	185,770
ROSEMARY SQUARE LLC, C/O RED PROPERTY MNGMT, 555 S. OSPREY AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL 34236	COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE FOR ARTIST RESIDENCE	170,102
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	8	

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	1b Membership dues	1b				
	1c Fundraising events	1c	80,926			
	1d Related organizations	1d				
	1e Government grants (contributions)	1e	95,925			
	1f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	11,464,093			
	1g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 878,770			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		11,640,944			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a OPERA PRODUCTIONS	711110	2,578,817	2,578,817		
	2b RENTALS	711110	822,279	822,279		
	2c SARASOTA YOUTH OPERA	711110	216,769	216,769		
	2d					
	2e					
	2f All other program service revenue		0	0	0	0
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		3,617,865			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		287,195			287,195
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents	6a				
	6b Less: rental expenses	6b				
	6c Rental income or (loss)	6c	0	0		
	6d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		7a	15,027,186			
	7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	14,588,876	21,895		
	7c Gain or (loss)	7c	438,310	(21,895)		
	7d Net gain or (loss)					
			416,415			416,415
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 80,926 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18					
		8a	472,610			
	8b Less: direct expenses	8b	429,922			
	8c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			42,688		42,688
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19					
		9a				
	9b Less: direct expenses	9b				
	9c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
		10a				
	10b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
	10c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a OTHER INCOME	Business Code				
		711110	299,789	299,789		
	11b					
	11c					
	11d All other revenue		0	0	0	0
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		299,789			
	12 Total revenue. See instructions		16,304,896	3,917,654	0	746,298

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	15,000	15,000		
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	575,222	170,014	371,205	34,003
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	4,681,784	3,499,218	696,004	486,562
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	398,547	278,826	78,554	41,167
10 Payroll taxes	191,073	107,986	62,691	20,396
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	14,891		14,891	
c Accounting	27,500		27,500	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	101,001		101,001	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	400,844	400,844		
13 Office expenses	190,488	13,037	159,079	18,372
14 Information technology	149,312	7,430	138,495	3,387
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,192,975	1,118,624	74,351	
17 Travel	663,843	659,792	2,258	1,793
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	57,975	23,448	30,350	4,177
20 Interest	160,200	65,881	88,807	5,512
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	835,664	798,843	36,821	
23 Insurance	193,594	188,131	5,463	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PRODUCTION MATERIALS	461,402	461,402		
b GUILDS	143,233			143,233
c GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	59,142		59,142	
d OTHER	23,358	21,861		1,497
e All other expenses	17,820	0	17,820	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	10,554,868	7,830,337	1,964,432	760,099
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 SheetCheck 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	135,727	1 257,136	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	270,765	2 66,992	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	288,915	3 5,503,024	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	20,000	4 295,925	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	5 0	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	6 0	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	7		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	8		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 29,844,620	9 133,992	251,294
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 14,946,882	10c 15,005,652	14,897,738
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11,784,300	11 12,713,072	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12 0	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13 0	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	3,344,094	15 30,963,445	2,984,672
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		16	36,969,853	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	297,757	17 467,576	
	18 Grants payable	18		
	19 Deferred revenue	1,018,592	19 1,120,171	
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	22 0	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	3,582,928	23 3,418,352	
	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	3,366,955	25 8,266,232	3,063,106
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		26	8,069,205
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	13,772,945	27 20,036,600	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	8,924,268	28 8,864,048	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	29		
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	30		
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	31		
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	32 22,697,213	32 28,900,648	
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	33 30,963,445	33 36,969,853	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	16,304,896
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	10,554,868
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	5,750,028
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	22,697,213
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	453,407
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 on Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	28,900,648

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
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.
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
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.
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

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?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?

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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b	✓	
2c	✓	
3a		✓
3b		

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 (Check all that apply)				(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(25) SYBLE DI GIROLAMO TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(26) TAMARA JACOBS TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(27) THOMAS GARDEN TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(28) TOBY SIEGEL TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(29) ULYSSES BRUALDI TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(30) WILLIAM D. TOMPKINS TRUSTEE	2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0	0
(31) VICTOR DERENZI TRUSTEE	35.0				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)****Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**Name of the organization**

SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

23-7089047

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).)

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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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 on 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						

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2024

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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 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 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	5,036,758	7,023,820	3,633,048	4,391,593	11,640,944	31,726,163
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 . . .	576,965	2,752,503	3,719,122	4,141,854	3,617,865	14,808,309
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . .						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . .						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 . . .	5,613,723	9,776,323	7,352,170	8,533,447	15,258,809	46,534,472
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .	470,000	400,000	100,000	725,150	627,619	2,322,769
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b . . .	470,000	400,000	100,000	725,150	627,619	2,322,769
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . .						44,211,703

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6 . . .	5,613,723	9,776,323	7,352,170	8,533,447	15,258,809	46,534,472
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	183,958	217,865	272,254	288,595	287,195	1,249,867
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . .						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b . . .	183,958	217,865	272,254	288,595	287,195	1,249,867
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . .	399,271	392,542	305,406	296,544	342,477	1,736,240
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . .	6,196,952	10,386,730	7,929,830	9,118,586	15,888,481	49,520,579
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . .	15	89.28 %
16 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . .	16	86.42 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . .	17	3.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . .	18	2.79 %
19a 33^{1/3}% support tests—2024. 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 . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33^{1/3}% support tests—2023. 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 . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? 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.

2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).

3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.

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)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.

c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.

4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.

b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.

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)? 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.

5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c 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).

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? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as 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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).

8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).

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))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.

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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.

b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- A family member of a person described on line 11a above?
- A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? 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 officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 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? 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.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 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)? 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).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 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?
- 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? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, 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? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

- Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
 - The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
 - The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
 - The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).
- Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**
 - 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? 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.
 - Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? 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.
- Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**
 - 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? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in **Part VI**.
 - Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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 (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
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 0.015 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 0.035.	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 0.85 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required— <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10
Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		
		(i) Excess Distributions
		(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024
		(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required— <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024	
a	From 2019	
b	From 2020	
c	From 2021	
d	From 2022	
e	From 2023	
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e	
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years	
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount	
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)	
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.	
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$	
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years	
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount	
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.	
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.	
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.	
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3 and 4c.	
8	Breakdown of line 7:	
a	Excess from 2020	
b	Excess from 2021	
c	Excess from 2022	
d	Excess from 2023	
e	Excess from 2024	

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.)

Part VI

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.)

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation						
	Other Income Type	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 12 - OTHER INCOME	(1)	399,271	392,542	305,406	296,544	342,477	1,736,240

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)
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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.

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Name of the organization

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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 (for example, 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.	
a Total number of conservation easements	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items.	
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	\$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	\$

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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 make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange program
 b Scholarly research e Other _____
 c Preservation for future generations

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.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

2a 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 in 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
1a Beginning of year balance	11,764,300	10,860,172	11,218,599	10,349,307	8,066,100
b Contributions	1,046,437	40,838	47,800	1,461,502	809,487
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	1,074,986	1,498,914	(109,237)	(592,210)	1,714,720
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,172,651	635,624	296,990		241,000
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	12,713,072	11,764,300	10,860,172	11,218,599	10,349,307

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment 31.29 %
 b Permanent endowment 63.89 %
 c Term endowment 4.82 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

(i) Unrelated organizations?
 (ii) Related organizations?
 b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

Yes	No
3a(i)	✓
3a(ii)	✓
3b	

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

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
1a Land			464,466		464,466
b Buildings			23,741,408	10,549,421	13,191,987
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment			5,638,746	4,397,461	1,241,285
e Other					
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))					14,897,738

Part VII Investments—Other Securities

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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related

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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

Part IX Other Assets

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) DEPOSITS	37,750
(2) RIGHT OF USE ASSETS	2,946,922
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	2,984,672

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) LEASE LIABILITIES	3,063,106
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	3,063,106

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 FASB 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

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	17,087,224
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	453,407
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	429,922
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	883,329
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	16,203,895
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	101,001
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	101,001
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	16,304,896

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	10,883,789
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	429,922
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	429,922
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,453,867
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . .	4a	101,001
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	101,001
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	10,554,868

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.

SEE STATEMENT

Part XIII

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.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation	
	(a) Description	(b) Amount
SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2(D) - OTHER REVENUES IN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT IN FORM 990	SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	429,922
	TOTAL	429,922
SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2(D) - OTHER EXPENSES IN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT IN FORM 990	(a) Description	(b) Amount
	SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	429,922
	TOTAL	429,922

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.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TO PROVIDE A STABLE FLOW OF RESOURCES FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS.
SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2 - FIN 48 (ASC 740) FOOTNOTE	<p>THE OPERA QUALIFIES AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED BY INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) SECTION 501(C)(3) AND, ACCORDINGLY, IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER IRC SECTION 501(A). HOWEVER, THE OPERA IS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX ON UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME (UBI). FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2025, THE OPERA INCURRED NO INCOME TAX EXPENSE.</p> <p>IT IS THE OPERA'S POLICY TO ACCOUNT FOR ANY UNCERTAINTIES IN INCOME TAX LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH FASB ASC 740-10, ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES. ASC 740-10 CLARIFIES THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS AND REQUIRES THAT THE OPERA RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF SUCH A TAX POSITION IN ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF, UPON ULTIMATE SETTLEMENT, THAT POSITION IS MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT TO BE SUSTAINED. MANAGEMENT HAS EVALUATED THE OPERA'S TAX POSITIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE OPERA HAS MAINTAINED ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND HAS TAKEN NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AS A RESULT, NO PROVISION OR LIABILITY FOR INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE OPERA FILES A FORM 990, RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX.</p>

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)

(Rev. January 2025)
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.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization

SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

23-7089047

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

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

2b 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 col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No		
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
Total					

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.

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.

	(a) Event #1 ANNUAL GALA (event type)	(b) Event #2 COURTYARD DINNERS (event type)	(c) Other events 4 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue				
1	Gross receipts	328,002	34,599	190,935
2	Less: Contributions	80,926		80,926
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	247,076	34,599	190,935
				472,610
Direct Expenses				
4	Cash prizes			0
5	Noncash prizes			0
6	Rent/facility costs	19,271	41,080	12,571
7	Food and beverages	92,671	12,493	86,975
8	Entertainment	25,924	21,499	4,861
9	Other direct expenses	103,182	4,047	5,348
10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			429,922
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)			42,688

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.

	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue				
1	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses				
2	Cash prizes			
3	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: _____

10a 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 13a %
b An outside facility 13b %

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

Name _____

Address _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? 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 I
(Form 990)(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.Name of the organization
SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.Employer identification number
23-7089047**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	2 (b) EIN	3 (c) IRC section (if applicable)	4 (d) Amount of cash grant	5 (e) Amount of noncash assistance	6 (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	7 (g) Description of noncash assistance	8 (h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1 FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS	8	15,000			
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.
 (SEE STATEMENT)

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2 - PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING USE OF GRANT FUNDS	ARTIST AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BASED ON SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND RECIPIENTS ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Compensation Information**
For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization

SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

23-7089047

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

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 on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed 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?

b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 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?

b Any related organization?

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?

b Any related organization?

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

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

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a	✓	
4b	✓	
4c	✓	
5a	✓	
5b	✓	
6a	✓	
6b	✓	
7		✓
8		✓
9		

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 aren't listed on Form 990, Part VI.

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 and/or 1099-NEC compensation	(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation			(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation	
RICHARD RUSSELL	325,139	0	0	0	0
1 GENERAL DIRECTOR	0	0	0	0	0
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)****Noncash Contributions**

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Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.

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Name of the organization

SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

23-7089047

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	✓	7	878,770	MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (_____)				
26 Other (_____)				
27 Other (_____)				
28 Other (_____)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement	29	0		

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported on Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

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

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

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a	✓	
31	✓	
32a	✓	

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.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE M, PART I - EXPLANATIONS OF REPORTING METHOD FOR NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS	SECURITIES - PUBLICLY TRADED - NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**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 Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Sarasota Opera Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

23-7089047

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - REVIEW OF FORM 990 BY GOVERNING BODY	A FULL COPY OF FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, A FULL COPY OF FORM 990 IS THEN PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	THE ORGANIZATION REQUIRES ALL POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO BE REPORTED TO A SUPERVISOR AND/OR TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE ORGANIZATION REQUIRES CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO BE AVOIDED OTHER THAN TO THE EXTENT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS PROVIDED THE EMPLOYEE WITH A WRITTEN EXEMPTION. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ASKED TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL	THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGES A HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE WHICH FUNCTIONS AS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE WHICH REVIEWS INDUSTRY COMPENSATION SURVEYS, REVIEWS AND APPROVES OPERA'S ANNUAL BUDGET AND REQUIRES RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ARTISTIC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. ARTISTIC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OTHER PAID EMPLOYEES.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES	THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGES A HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE WHICH FUNCTIONS AS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE WHICH REVIEWS INDUSTRY COMPENSATION SURVEYS, REVIEWS AND APPROVES OPERA'S ANNUAL BUDGET AND REQUIRES RATIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ARTISTIC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. ARTISTIC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OTHER PAID EMPLOYEES.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST OR AT WWW.GUIDESTAR.ORG , WWW.CHARITYNAVIGATOR.ORG , AND WWW.THEGIVINGPARTNER.ORG .
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C - CHANGE OF OVERSIGHT PROCESS OR SELECTION PROCESS	THE PROCESS IS UNCHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

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Form

**Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization
Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans**

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceFile a separate application for each return.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request up to a 6-month extension of time to file any of the forms listed below except for Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts. An extension request for Form 8870 must be sent to the IRS in a paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of Form 8868, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Part I — Identification

Type or Print	Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. SARASOTA OPERA ASSOCIATION, INC.	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 23-7089047
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 61 N PINEAPPLE AVENUE	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. SARASOTA, FL 34236	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 5227	10
Form 990-PF	04	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 5330 (individual)	13
Form 990-T (corporation)	07	Form 5330 (other than individual)	14
Form 1041-A	08	Form 990-T (governmental entities)	15

• After you enter your Return Code, complete either Part II or Part III. Part III, including signature, is applicable only for an extension of time to file Form 5330.

• If this application is for an extension of time to file Form 5330, you must enter the following information

Plan Name _____
Plan Number _____
Plan Year Ending (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Part II — Automatic Extension of Time To File for Exempt Organizations (see instructions)

- The books are in the care of **KEN TARASI, 61 N PINEAPPLE AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL 34236**
- Telephone No. **(941) 366-8450** Fax No. _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____
If this is for the whole group, check this box
If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **04/15**, 20 **26**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

calendar year 20 _____ or
 tax year beginning **06/01**, 20 **24**, and ending **05/31**, 20 **25**.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

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

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Part III — Extension of Time To File Form 5330 (see instructions)

You may be approved for up to a 6-month extension to file Form 5330, after the normal due date of Form 5330.

a Enter the Code section(s) imposing the tax.	1a	
b Enter the payment amount attached.	1b	\$
c For excise taxes under section 4980 or 4980F of the Code, enter the reversion/amendment date (MM/DD/YYYY).	1c	

2 State in detail why you need the extension.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on this form are true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this application.

Signature

Date

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