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Form 990	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	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.		2022 Open to Public Inspection
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service			

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2022 , and ending 09-30-2023

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- Check if applicable:
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- Address change
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- Name change
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- Initial return
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- Final return/terminated
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- ☐
- Amended return
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- ☐
- Application pending

C Name of organization FILM INDEPENDENT		D Employer identification number 95-3943485
Doing business as		E Telephone number (323) 556-9300
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
5670 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 9TH FLOOR		G Gross receipts \$ 19,440,991
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LOS ANGELES, CA 90036		
F Name and address of principal officer: JOSHUA WELSH 5670 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 9TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90036		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
		H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
		If "No," attach a list. See instructions.
		H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ WWW.FILMINDEPENDENT.ORG**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: 1984**M** State of legal domicile: CA**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS AND TO PROMOTE INDEPENDENT FILMMAKING TO THE PUBLIC.		
Revenue	2 Check this box ☐		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	29
	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 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	89
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	37
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	296,155
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	217,503
Expenses		Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	11,414,295	12,566,588
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,913,524	6,489,810
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	6,416	68,239
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	163,805	316,354
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	17,498,040	19,440,991
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	439,167	632,500
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	5,113,418	5,469,939
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 1,194,132		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	12,204,524	12,852,643
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	17,757,109	18,955,082
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-259,069	485,909
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	6,642,446	8,703,547
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,755,503	3,315,996
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,886,943	5,387,551

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign
Here

Signature of officer

2024-08-14

Date

JOSHUA WELSH PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

Paid
Preparer
Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

2024-08-14

Check ☐ if
self-employedPTIN
P01399868

Firm's name ▶ GREEN HASSON & JANKS LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 95-1777440

Firm's address ▶ 700 S FLOWER STREET SUITE 3300

Phone no. (310) 873-1600

LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

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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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO CHAMPION CREATIVE INDEPENDENCE IN VISUAL STORYTELLING IN ALL ITS FORMS AND TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF INCLUSION. WE SUPPORT A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF ARTISTS AND AUDIENCES WHO EMBODY DIVERSITY, INNOVATION, CURIOSITY AND UNIQUENESS OF VISION.

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 \$ 4,629,064 including grants of \$ 117,149) (Revenue \$ 1,842,951)

MEMBERSHIP, EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING SERVICES FILM INDEPENDENT IS AN OPEN-ACCESS MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION WITH 7,805 MEMBERS IN FY23, FROM ALL 50 STATES AND 54 COUNTRIES. TO OUR MEMBERS WE OFFER ROBUST EDUCATIONAL AND FILM PROGRAMMING.-FILM INDEPENDENT PRESENTS SCREENING SERIES (150 UNIQUE EVENTS, AUDIENCE OF 68,000)-THE DIRECTORS CLOSE-UP (CONVERSATIONS ON THE ART OF DIRECTING WITH THE YEAR'S TOP FILMMAKERS (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)-FILM INDEPENDENT FORUM (CONFERENCE FOR WORKING INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS ON THE BUSINESS OF FILMMAKING (IN PERSON)-YEAR-ROUND WORKSHOPS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS OF INTEREST TO FILMMAKERS AND FILM LOVERS ALIKE (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)-GLOBAL MEDIA MAKERS IS A ROBUST PROGRAM SERVING MID-CAREER FILMMAKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, PROVIDING MENTORSHIP, MASTERCLASSES AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. EACH YEAR A GROUP OF 20-30 FILMMAKERS TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES FOR A 5-6 WEEK RESIDENCY, AND FILM INDEPENDENT STAFF AND MENTORS ALSO TRAVEL ABROAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ENGAGING WITH EMERGING FILMMAKING COMMUNITIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 3,217,416 including grants of \$ 75,000) (Revenue \$ 2,361,361)

2023 FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS THE PREMIERE AWARDS SHOW CELEBRATING THE BEST OF INDEPENDENT FILM AND TELEVISION, THE FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS SHINES A LIGHT ON FILMMAKERS WHOSE WORK EMBODIES UNIQUENESS OF VISION, ORIGINAL, PROVOCATIVE SUBJECT MATTER, DIVERSITY, AND ECONOMY OF MEANS. FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS THIS SHOW HAS DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE EVENT TO PUT INDEPENDENT FILM ON THE CULTURAL MAP AND IN THE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS. THE SPIRIT AWARDS EXEMPLIFIES THE WORK OF TALENTED EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED TALENT, SUPPORTS DEIA IN THE AWARDS SPACE, AND CELEBRATES THE BEST OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION WORK IN BOTH FILM AND TELEVISION.-ONLINE SCREENING OF NOMINATED FILMS AND SHOWS FOR MEMBERS (@ 60 TITLES)-VOTING MEMBERS OF FILM INDEPENDENT: 9,301-IN-PERSON AWARD SHOW: 1,200 ATTENDEES

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 8,575,377 including grants of \$ 440,351) (Revenue \$ 2,285,498)

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT FILM INDEPENDENT'S ARTIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE INCUBATORS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOLD, ORIGINAL VISUAL STORYTELLERS WORKING IN FILM AND TELEVISION, FICTION AND NON-FICTION. AMONG THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER:-PROJECT INVOLVE IS A HANDS-ON PROGRAM THAT HAS SUPPORTED OVER 900 FILMMAKERS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, THROUGH MENTORSHIP, MASTERCLASSES AND SHORT FILM PRODUCTION. AT LEAST 35 FILMMAKERS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM IN FY23.-THE FILMMAKER LABS PRODUCING, SCREENWRITING, EPISODIC, DOCUMENTARY PROVIDE MENTORSHIP AND TRAINING ON THE BUSINESS OF FILMMAKING, AS WELL AS ROBUST FEEDBACK ON FILMMAKERS' CURRENT PROJECTS.-FAST TRACK IS A HIGHLY CURATED FILM FINANCE MARKET, DESIGNED TO HELP PRODUCER-DIRECTOR TEAMS ADVANCE THEIR PROJECTS. FILM INDEPENDENT FACILITATES UP TO 60 MEETINGS FOR FELLOWS WITH TOP EXECUTIVES, FINANCIERS, PACKAGING AGENTS, DISTRIBUTORS, PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND OTHERS. -FISCAL SPONSORSHIP ALLOWS PARTICIPANTS TO UTILIZE THE NON-PROFIT STATUS OF FILM INDEPENDENT TO ACCESS GRANTS FROM FOUNDATIONS, INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING. AT THE END OF FY23, FISCAL SPONSORSHIP HAD APPROXIMATELY 350 ACTIVE PROJECTS, WITH 94 OF THOSE JOINING THE PROGRAM BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 16,421,857

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions. 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> 	14b Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> 	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> 	16 Yes	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions.</i>	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> 	21 Yes	

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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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22 Yes	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23 Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	No
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29 Yes	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33 Yes	
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	No
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No
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 Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 236	
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 Yes	

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

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	89	2b	Yes	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?				2b	Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?				3a	Yes	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>				3b	Yes	
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		No
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		No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?				5b		No
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		No
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	Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?				7b	Yes	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?				7c		No
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		No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?				7f		No
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? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.				13a		
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		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>				14b		
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess				15		No

parachute payment(s) during the year?	15		No
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		No
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.			

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 29		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 29		
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	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		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		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		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	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	
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
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	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	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

CA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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.
☐ Own website
 ☐ Another's website
 ☒ Upon request
 ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.**20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

▶ JOSHUA WELSH 5670 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 9TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90036 (323) 556-9300

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Page **7****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, or 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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BRENDA ROBINSON BOARD CHAIR	5.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) BRENDA GILBERT VICE CHAIR	5.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ED RADA TREASURER	5.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) ANDREA SPERLING SECRETARY	5.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) VONDIE CURTIS-HALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE	5.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) ERIC D'ARBELOFF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE	5.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) LEN AMATO DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) RANDY BARBATO DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) ADRIENE BOWLES	5.00									

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DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(29) JEFFREY SOROS	5.00	X						0	0	0
DIRECTOR	0.00									
(30) JOSH WELSH	40.00			X				303,194	0	26,310
PRESIDENT	0.00									
(31) VALECIA PHILLIPS	40.00			X				165,132	0	12,010
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	0.00									
(32) KATHRYN WALKER	40.00					X		169,686	0	19,379
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	0.00									
(33) MARIA BOZZI-RAHAMAD	40.00					X		155,182	0	12,939
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL INI	0.00									
(34) ALINE LOUSTAUNAU	40.00					X		133,174	0	17,400
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING	0.00									
(35) SHAWN DAVIS	40.00					X		125,211	0	8,820
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, SPIRIT AWARDS	0.00									
(36) MONIQUE COLEMAN	40.00					X		124,008	0	19,321
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATIO	0.00									
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,175,587	0	116,179

- 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 **9**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

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
JACOBSON PAYROLL GROUP 11835 W OLYMPIC BLVD SUITE 1100E LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	PAYROLL PROCESSING	874,895
VISION MEDIA MANAGEMENT 29125 AVENUE PAINE VALENCIA, CA 91355	DIGITAL SCREENING SERVICE	233,500
TOWN & COUNTRY EVENT RENTALS 7725 AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK WAY VAN NUYS, CA 91406	EVENT RENTALS	188,987
ALLSAFE IT 7083 HOLLYWOOD BLVD 5TH FL LOS ANGELES, CA 90027	IT SERVICES	147,953
KNOLOGY 40 EXCHANGE PLACE STE 143 NEW YORK, NY 10005	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	135,000

- 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**

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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



(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt	(C) Unrelated business	(D) Revenue excluded from
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	function revenue	revenue	tax under sections 512 - 514
1a Federated campaigns . . .			
1b Membership dues . . .			
1c Fundraising events . . .			
1d Related organizations			
1e Government grants (contributions)			
2,659,898			
1f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above			
9,906,690			
1g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$			
172,716			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		12,566,588	

		Business Code			
2a PROGRAM FEES & SPONSORSHIPS		900099	3,112,927	3,112,927	
	2b SPIRIT AWARDS	900099	2,361,361	2,361,361	
	2c MEMBERSHIP FEES	900099	1,015,522	1,015,522	
f All other program service revenue.					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.			6,489,810		

3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		68,239			68,239
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a Gross rents	6a	5,001			
b Less: rental expenses	6b	0			
c Rental income or (loss)	6c	5,001			
d Net rental income or (loss)			5,001		5,001
	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a				
Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
Gain or (loss)	7c				
d Net gain or (loss)					
a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					

9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
b Less: direct expenses	9b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
11a ADVERTISING INCOME	Business Code 541800	296,155		296,155	
b MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	15,198			15,198
c Other revenue					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		311,353			
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		19,440,991	6,489,810	296,155	88,438

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	310,000	310,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	292,500	292,500		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	30,000	30,000		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	508,464	370,419	48,280	89,765
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	4,202,768	3,150,279	342,820	709,669
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	464,036	306,185	66,891	90,960
10 Payroll taxes	294,671	185,898	41,403	67,370
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	135,353		135,353	
c Accounting	69,990	50,000	19,990	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	814,256	643,595	160,105	10,556
12 Advertising and promotion	185,761	148,032	1,640	36,089
13 Office expenses	382,580	246,484	126,614	9,482

14 Information technology	359,575	284,670	66,155	8,750
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	793,465	610,615	66,139	116,711
17 Travel	732,242	719,705	858	11,679
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	96,602	45,937	44,109	6,556
23 Insurance	98,032	5,385	92,647	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a OTHER PRODUCTION EXP.	8,375,125	8,375,125		
b CATERING SERVICES	430,101	393,342	16,503	20,256
c IN-KIND GOODS	139,559	139,559		
d TAXES AND LICENSES	51,080	21	51,059	0
e All other expenses	188,922	114,106	58,527	16,289
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	18,955,082	16,421,857	1,339,093	1,194,132
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 ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	4,605,058	1	2,514,178
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	717,722	2	1,803,864
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	578,058	3	780,850
	4 Accounts receivable, net	366,263	4	443,909
	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		5	
	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)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	15,581
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,536,127		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,310,180	322,549 10c	225,947
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	1,019,383
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	1,847,039
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	52,796	15	52,796
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	6,642,446	16	8,703,547
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,334,137	17	718,439
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	254,166	19	259,281
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	

Liabilities	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		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	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	167,200	25	2,338,276
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,755,503	26	3,315,996
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	3,011,845	27	2,811,139
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	1,875,098	28	2,576,412
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ 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	4,886,943	32	5,387,551
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,642,446	33	8,703,547

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	19,440,991
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,955,082
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	485,909
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	4,886,943
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	14,699
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	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	5,387,551

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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 in 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?

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

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

3b

Yes

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Public Charity Status and Public Support Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No. 1545-0047 2022 Open to Public Inspection
	Name of the organization FILM INDEPENDENT		Employer identification number 95-3943485

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 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.

12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box 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		
Total						

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III.
If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support
Calendar year _____

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(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 ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐		

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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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . .	5,961,815	9,009,640	6,440,178	11,414,295	12,566,588	45,392,516
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	4,811,250	3,836,171	4,250,862	5,913,524	6,489,810	25,301,617
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the						

organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	10,773,065	12,845,811	10,691,040	17,327,819	19,056,398	70,694,133
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	106,044	50,000	85,000	60,000	95,750	396,794
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. . . .	404,171					404,171
c Add lines 7a and 7b. . . .	510,215	50,000	85,000	60,000	95,750	800,965
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						69,893,168

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . . .	10,773,065	12,845,811	10,691,040	17,327,819	19,056,398	70,694,133
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	171,275	91,407	754	6,416	73,240	343,092
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975. . . .						
c Add lines 10a and 10b. . . .	171,275	91,407	754	6,416	73,240	343,092
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . .						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)			76,328	10,580	15,198	102,106
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	10,944,340	12,937,218	10,768,122	17,344,815	19,144,836	71,139,331
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. ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.250 %
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	96.510 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.480 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.780 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests-2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒		
b 33 1/3% support tests-2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐		

Schedule A (Form 990) 2022**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? 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.		
3b		

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 (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).			

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Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Yes No

- 1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? 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

- 1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3 By reason of the relationship described in 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

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**):

- a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

- 2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

- a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? 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.
- b 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.

- 3 Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

- a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in **Part VI**.
- b 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		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1	
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 85% of line 1	2	
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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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 (<i>prior IRS approval required - 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 2022 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-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:			
a From 2017.			
b From 2018.			
c From 2019.			
d From 2020.			
e From 2021.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			

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a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2018. . . .			
b	Excess from 2019. . . .			
c	Excess from 2020. . . .			
d	Excess from 2021. . . .			
e	Excess from 2022. . . .			

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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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

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Schedule B

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Schedule of Contributors

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▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
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FILM INDEPENDENT

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

- ☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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Part I

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

Contributors

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
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-		\$	☐ Person
			☐ Payroll
			☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II

Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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-			\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received	
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received	
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received	
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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

No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I			
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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► **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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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?		☐ Yes ☐ 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?		☐ Yes ☐ 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).

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

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

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

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

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

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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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3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a** ☐ Public exhibition **d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- 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 Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f 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	23,932	26,060	26,060	25,000	24,000
b Contributions					1,000
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	950	-2,128		1,060	
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	24,882	23,932	26,060	26,060	25,000

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 0 %
- b** Permanent endowment 100.000 %
- c** Term endowment 0 %

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 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		No
3a(ii)		No
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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		278,453	153,149	125,304
d Equipment		1,257,674	1,157,031	100,643
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				225,947

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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, col. (B) line 12.)		

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, col. (B) line 13.)		

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)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	

(1) Federal income taxes

LEASE LIABILITY	2,338,276
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	2,338,276

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

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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	19,957,498
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	14,699
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	501,808
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	516,507
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	19,440,991
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	19,440,991

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	19,456,890
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	501,808
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	501,808
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	18,955,082
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	18,955,082

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	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4:	FILM INDEPENDENT'S ENDOWMENT CONSISTS OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BARBARA BOYLE PROJECT INVOLVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
PART X, LINE 2:	FILM INDEPENDENT RECOGNIZES THE IMPACT OF TAX POSITIONS IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF THAT POSITION IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO BE SUSTAINED ON AUDIT, BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE POSITION. DURING THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FILM INDEPENDENT PERFORMED AN EVALUATION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND DID NOT NOTE ANY MATTERS THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR WHICH MIGHT HAVE AN EFFECT ON ITS TAX EXEMPT

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- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990).* ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

Return/Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	DEPENDING ON THE GRANT AND PROGRAM IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH, A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF FILM INDEPENDENT STAFF, RESPECTED ARTISTS AND/OR ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MEMBERS REVIEW NOMINATIONS OR SUBMISSIONS AND AGREE ON AN Awardee. IN THE CASE OF DONOR-NAMED FELLOWSHIPS. THE DONOR WILL APPROVE THE FINAL DECISION IN CASE OF ANY CONFLICT OF

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**Schedule I
(Form 990)****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.
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Name of the organization
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95-3943485**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.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) GIA RIGOLI FILMS LLC 1461 RIDGE WAY LOS ANGELES, CA 90026	85-4066099		50,000	0			DISNEY'S IMAGINAR GRANT
(2) FLAMING CREATURES PRODUCTIONS LLC 3441 1/2 DESCANSO DR LOS ANGELES, CA 90026	92-2732983		50,000	0			DISNEY'S IMAGINAR GRANT
(3) 3PAS STUDIOS 869 VIA DE LA PAZ F PACIFIC PALISADES, NY 90272	47-2862132		50,000	0			DISNEY'S IMAGINAR GRANT
(4) OMINIRA STUDIOS LLC 2361 NORTH AVENUE SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076	87-4661017		30,000	0			NETFLIX AMPLIFIER GRANT
(5) FRITZ FORTUNE LLC 2846 KAREN RIDGE CONYERS, GA 30094	61-1977705		30,000	0			NETFLIX AMPLIFIER GRANT
(6) TUCKERGURL INC 3020 ROYAL STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70117	83-1070724		30,000	0			NETFLIX AMPLIFIER GRANT
(7) PLATE SPINNER PRODUCTIONS LLC 900 3RD AVE 31ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	35-2634859		20,000	0			FAST TRACK - SLOAN GRANT
(8) STRAW HOUSE PRODUCTION 171 CLERMONT AVE APT 3A BROOKLYN, NY 11205	88-0787734		25,000	0			SPIRIT AWARDS TRUER THAN FICTION AWARD
(9) ROSETORY INC 57 HENDRIX STREET APT 1 GROUND FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11207	88-3869901		25,000	0			SPIRIT AWARDS PRODUCERS AWARD
2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table							0
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table							9

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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.
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(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) AMPLIFIER FELLOWSHIP GRANT	3	90,000			
(2) IMAGINAR PRODUCERS RESIDENCY GRANT	1	50,000			
(3) FAST TRACK SLOAN GRANT	1	30,000			
(4) SPIRIT AWARDS SOMEONE TO WATCH AWARD	1	25,000			
(5) CAYTON-GOLDRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP	2	20,000			
(6) LAIKA ANIMATION FELLOW GRANT	1	15,000			
(7) FAST TRACK ARTIST DEVELOPMENT GRANT	1	12,500			
(8) SONY DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP	1	10,000			
(9) PARTICIPANT FELLOWSHIP	1	10,000			
(10) MPAC FELLOWSHIP	1	10,000			
(11) LOS ANGELES MEDIA FUND FELLOWSHIP	1	10,000			
(12) AMAZON STUDIOS FELLOWSHIP	1	10,000			

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	DEPENDENT ON THE GRANT AND PROGRAM IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH, A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF FILM INDEPENDENT STAFF, RESPECTED ARTISTS AND/OR ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MEMBERS REVIEW NOMINATIONS OR SUBMISSIONS AND AGREE ON AN Awardee. IN THE CASE OF DONOR-NAMED FELLOWSHIPS, THE DONOR WILL APPROVE THE FINAL DECISION IN CASE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTERS BETWEEN THE Awardee AND DONOR. ALL AWARDS ARE UNRESTRICTED.

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	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. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		2022 Open to Public Inspection
Name of the organization FILM INDEPENDENT			Employer identification number 95-3943485

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
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. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b	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, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Written employment contract ☐ Compensation survey or study ☒ 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:		
4a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		No
4b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		No
4c	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.		No
Only 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:		
5a	The organization?		No
5b	Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		No
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:		
6a	The organization?		No
6b	Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		No
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
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		No
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

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Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.								
(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 JOSH WELSH PRESIDENT	(i)	303,194	0	0	0	26,310	329,504	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 KATHRYN WALKER SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	(i)	169,686	0	0	0	19,379	189,065	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 VALECIA PHILLIPS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS	(i)	165,132	0	0	0	12,010	177,142	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 MARIA BOZZI-RAHAMAD SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INT	(i)	155,182	0	0	0	12,939	168,121	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5 ALINE LOUSTAUNAU
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

	(i)	133,174	0	0	0	17,400	150,574	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE M
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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
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Name of the organization
FILM INDEPENDENT**Employer identification number**
95-3943485**Part I** **Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	3	33,157	FMV
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	X	8	132,059	FMV
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (<u>SOFTWARE</u>)	X	1	7,500	FMV
26 Other ▶ (<u> </u>)				
27 Other ▶ (<u> </u>)				
28 Other ▶ (<u> </u>)				

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

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		No
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?	Yes	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		No
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.		

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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.

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PART I, COLUMN (B):	NONCASH DONATIONS ARE LISTED BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)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 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1A	THE BOARD DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING: 1. BRENDA ROBINSON, BOARD CHAIR 2. BRENDA GILBERT, VICE CHAIR 3. ED RADA, TREASURER 4. ANDREA SPERLING, SECRETARY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	KASI LEMMONS AND VONDIE CURTIS-HALL HAVE A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER REVIEW THE DRAFT OF THE FORM 990. ONCE APPROVED A COPY OF THE FORM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO UPDATE THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE AN OFFICER OR HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST. THE PRESIDENT REVIEWS THE LISTS SUBMITTED. WHEN CONFLICTS ARISE, THERE IS A DUTY OF DISCLOSURE BY THE AFFECTED INDIVIDUAL AND ABSTENTION FROM DISCUSSING, VOTING ON, OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCING PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS INDEPENDENTLY, WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF INTERESTED PERSONS. COMPARABLE INFORMATION WAS USED IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT INCLUDING THE PRIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION AND ADVICE OF AN EXECUTIVE RECRUITING FIRM BASED ON THEIR EXPERIENCE.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:	NO PROCESSES HAVE CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)		Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships			OMB No. 1545-0047
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37. ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.			2022 Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) SPIRIT PRODUCTIONS LLC 5670 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD 9TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90036 95-4843898	AWARD SHOW & TV PRODUCTION	CA	0	0	FILM INDEPENDENT

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.								
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?		
						Yes	No	

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.												
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.									
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
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2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

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

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

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

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Part VII Supplemental Information

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

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