# AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (D/B/A LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS)



Financial Statements (Together with Independent Auditors' Report)

Years Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013



ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors American Symphony Orchestra League (d/b/a the League of American Orchestras)

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Symphony Orchestra League (d/b/a League of American Orchestras) (the "League"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Symphony Orchestra League (d//b/a League of American Orchestras) as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, NY February 3, 2015



### AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

		2014		2013
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2B, 11 and 13):	\$	007.044	Φ.	44.057
Operating Cash reserve	Ф	367,014 923,750	\$	44,257 923,750
Total cash and cash equivalents	ı	,290,764		968,007
Accounts receivable (Notes 2F and 4)		88,018		228,782
Contributions and pledges receivable (Notes 2G and 5)	1	,201,175		1,556,328
Investments, at fair value (Notes 2D, 2l, 3)		,070,469		4,512,265
Prepaid expenses and other assets		228,799		196,072
Property and equipment, net (Notes 2E and 6)		96,555		206,338
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7	,975,780	\$	7,667,792
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LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	41,816	\$	37,320
Deferred revenue (Note 2F)		539,422		503,781
Deferred rent (Note 9)		219,084		205,084
TOTAL LIABILITIES		800,322		746,185
COMMITMENTS (Notes 7, 9 and 10)				
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) (Note 2C)				
Unrestricted				
Board designated change capital fund (Note 13)		310,000		250,000
Board designated fund for cash reserve (Note 13)		500,000		500,000
Working capital reserve (Note 13)		423,750		423,750
Available for operations		(423,861)		(435,186)
Total unrestricted	_	809,889		738,564
Temporarily restricted (Notes 8 and 12)		,904,438		2,721,912
Permanently restricted (Note 12)	3	,461,131		3,461,131
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	,175,458		6,921,607
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 7	,975,780	\$	7,667,792

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# AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

		Year Ended September 30, 2014	ember 30, 2014			Year Ended September 30, 2013	ember 30, 2013	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2014	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2013
SUPPORT AND REVENUE: Contributions and grants (Note 2G) Membership dues (Note 2F) Meetings and seminars (Note 2F) Symphory magazine Other income Investment income, net (Notes 2D and 3) Net assets released from restrictions (Notes 2C, 8 and 12)	\$ 1,439,592 1,682,318 461,435 287,696 12,1968 90,954	\$ 1,344,972 - - 483,522 (1,645,968)	6	\$ 2.784,564 1,682,318 461,435 287,696 12,138 574,476	\$ 1,628,673 1,742,588 470,709 310,341 16,536 88,380	\$ 399,677 - - 463,125 (2,137,475)	(380,000)	\$ 2,028,350 1,742,568 470,709 310,341 16,536 551,505
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	5,620,101	182,526		5,802,627	6,694,682	(1,274,673)	(300,000)	5,120,009
EXPENSES AND LOSSES (Note 2H): Program services: Learning and leadership development Research and development Communications and public relations Membership services Advocacy Total program services	1,846,458 394,900 830,553 576,670 424,817 4,073,428	9 1 1 19 1		1,846,458 394,930 830,553 576,670 424,817	2,023,262 320,585 1,075,026 420,813 433,828	* 8 * *	% · % · ·	2,023,262 320,585 1,075,026 420,813 433,828
Supporting services:  Management and general  Development  Total supporting services	705,504 769,844 1,475,348		* -	705,504 769,844 1,475,348	924,063 692,100 1,616,163	19		924,063 692,100 1,616,163
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	5,548,776		*	5,548,776	5,889,677			5,889,677
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS  Net assets (deficit) - beginning of year	71,325	182,526	3,461,131	253,851	805,005	(1,274,673)	(300,000)	(769,668)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	688'608 \$	\$ 2,904,438	\$ 3,461,131	\$ 7,175,458	\$ 738,564	\$ 2,721,912	\$ 3,461,131	\$ 6,921,607

AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/ba LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (With Comparative Totals for September 30, 2013)

			Pro	Program Services	Sea					Ś	upporting	Supporting Services						
Learning and			Communications	cations				Total	Man	Management				Total				
Leadership	- 1	Research and Development	30.0	and Public Relations	Membership Services		Advocacy	Program		and	Deve	Development	Su	Supporting Services	i	Total 2014		TOTAL 2013
\$ 598,182	8	202,454	↔	421,562 93,240	\$ 300,780 67,603	₩	52,819	391,646	₩.	339,091	69	425,254 91,910	₩	764,345	€÷	2,524,564	69	2,606,594
731,936	9	246,684		514,802	368,383		290,060	2,151,865		418,631		517,164		935,795		3,087,660	6	3,187,544
107,675	2	27,946		26,791	4,038		19	166,469		3,328		3,230		6.558		173 027		355 667
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10.93	5	*		118,157			296	129,383		24		6,254		6.278		135,661		144 478
2,59	00	519		28,926	826		703	33,724		814		3,100		3,914		37,638		41 095
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164,05	23	49,329		105,797	68,929		59,446	447,554		31,741		138,141		169,882		617 436		614 428
22,16	9 -	14,938		10,657	54,194		16,866	118,821		14,190		36,935		51,125		169 946		162.325
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**Total Salaries and Related Costs** 

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## AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (db/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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Salaries

Total Salaries and Related Costs

Faculty/consultants
Professional services (Note 3)
Awards/professional development
Meeting expenses
Travel and todging
Printing, production and copying
Postage and delivery
Supplies
Occupancy (Note 9)
Telecommunications
Equipment rental and repairs
Insurance
Staff training, recrultment and support
Bank charges and fees
Miscellaneous
Bad debt
Oepreciation and amortization (Note 2E)

TOTAL EXPENSES

Program   Program   Communications   Program						Program Services	rvices								Suppor	Supporting Services	(A)			
Development         Relations         Services         Advocacy         Services         General         Development         Opposition of the process of the pr	Learning	g and	Res	search and	Con	and Public	×	embership				Total	Ma	nagement			"	Total		F
\$ 153,548         \$ 568,802         \$ 216,215         \$ 236,267         \$ 1892,066         \$ 470,552         \$ 243,976         \$ 714,528         \$ 24,766           \$ 33,298         121,637         46,255         50,363         423,281         107,054         50,461         157,606         294,591         \$ 77,608         \$ 7197,769           \$ 28,884         37,233         26,470         286,630         2,315,347         577,606         294,591         872,197         3           28,884         37,233         26,470         286,630         2,315,347         577,606         294,591         156,042         52,289           28,1         2,665         390         719         189,632         27,711         112,12         38,383           28,1         2,665         390         719         189,540         27,718         60,466         6,730         6,731         72,289           38,120         1,532         2,246         1,600         37,748         40,026         37,748         6,046         6,730         1,487         2,539           38,120         10,137         2,664         40,026         76,748         40,026         76,748         40,031         1,487         2,606         4,033	Developr	ment	De	velopment		Relations		Services		Advocacy		Services		General	De	velopment	"	Services		2013
186,846         690,439         262,470         286,630         2,315,347         577,606         294,591         672,197         3,504           28,884         37,233         5,046         199,625         2,756         155,764         156,042         52,299           281         2,665         390         719         180,643         27,151         11,212         38,383           1,322         5,301         5,245         18,039         10,000         497,550         27,151         11,212         38,383           1,322         5,301         1,245         18,039         10,000         497,550         27,151         11,212         38,383           3,8         1,5245         18,039         10,000         37,786         664         6,066         6,730           3,8         1,0,137         2,687         40,026         76,743         8,417         16,883         25,110           3,8,120         1,450         6,896         4,573         2,034         1,457         2,096         4,003           1,460         5,896         4,573         2,034         1,437         2,438         6,445         66,165           2,596         4,573         2,55         4,242	717	7,234	69	153,548	49	568,802	69	216,215	↔	236,267 50,363	69	1,892,066	69	470,552 107,054	€	243,976 50,615	69	714,528	69	2,606,594
28,884         37,233         5,046         199,625         278         155,764         156,042           281         2,655         390         719         180,000         497,550         27,161         11,212         38,383           1,332         2,5301         5,245         18,039         100,008         20,960         3,712         24,672           36         127,911         60         236         13,748         684         6,066         6,730           385         28,968         1,260         700         37,748         684         6,066         6,730           38,120         143,507         22,459         55,306         476,018         68,109         25,110           38,120         143,507         22,459         55,306         476,018         68,109         25,100           13,827         15,589         4,573         2,034         1,477         2,606         4,063           529         4,573         2,536         476,018         68,109         37,20         1,613           1,480         5,896         4,573         2,034         1,570         64,445         66,015           8,496         4,336         2,137         2,439	888	3,962		186,846		690,439		262,470		286,630		2,315,347		577,606		294,591		872,197	er)	3,187,544
13,901   52,299   52,289   52,289   52,289   52,289   52,289   52,289   52,289   52,289   53,011   52,45   18,039   100,008   20,960   3,712   24,672   24	128	3,462		28,884		37,233		9		5,046		199,625		278		155,764		156.042		355.667
281         2.665         390         710         497.550           1,332         5,301         5,245         18,039         10,000         497.550           30         127,911         60         236         10,036         20,960         3,712         24,672           30         127,911         60         236         10,036         20,960         3,712         24,672           38,120         12,511         60         70         37,748         664         6,066         6,730           9,116         10,137         2,687         40,026         76,748         12,19         2,030         3,309           9,116         10,137         2,687         40,026         76,748         4417         16,693         25,110           1,387         1,589         4,573         1,2418         46,109         73,301         138,410           1,480         5,896         4,573         2,034         2,4218         1,457         2,606         4,003           5,896         4,573         2,034         2,4218         1,457         2,606         4,003           6,784         4,439         2,589         2,606         4,003         2,606         2,589	위	3,901		Ť				(e		,		13,901		52,299		Ţ		52,299		66,200
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1,332   1,530   1,530   1,5245   1,81,039   1,00,038   20,960   3,712   2,4,672   2,4,672   3,5,91   2,5,91	186	5,488		281		2,665		390		719		189,543		27,151		11,212		38,363		227,906
30         127,911         60         226         137,748         664         6,730           385         28,968         1,260         700         37,766         1,219         2,090         3,309           9,316         10,137         2,687         40,026         76,718         66,109         73,301         1184,10           38,120         14,850         2,643         56,306         47,618         66,109         73,301         1184,10           1,480         5,896         4,573         2,034         24,218         1,457         2,606         4,083           525         864         6,731         4,439         920         6,015         6,015           84         75         2,034         24,218         1,457         2,606         4,083           84         86         750         6,731         4,439         920         66,015           84         76         2,658         85,835         85,835         86,835         35,908           85         85         85         85         86,835         86,835         35,908           86         86         86         86,835         86,835         86,835         35,908	2	3,181		1,332		5,301		5,245		18,039		100,098		20,960		3,712		24,672		124.770
985         28,968         1,260         770         37,786         1,219         2,090         3,309           9,18         10,137         2,687         40,026         76,743         64,17         16,683         25,110           36,120         144,507         62,489         55,306         47,610         73,744         49,101           1,440         15,889         4,573         2,034         12,418         1,457         2,666         4,063           25         2,104         867         750         6,148         1,570         64,445         66,015           824         46,376         2,034         24,218         1,570         64,445         66,015           824         867         750         6,178         6,445         66,015           824         867         750         6,137         32,06         282           9         5,137         32,06         28         35,480         35,480           4,037         4,376         30,007         1,918         77,326         26,978         22,674         49,652           5         1,075,026         4,20,813         5,4273,514         5,94,063         5,1616,163         5,1616,163 <td< td=""><td>US I</td><td>9,511</td><td></td><td>30</td><td></td><td>127,911</td><td></td><td>09</td><td></td><td>236</td><td></td><td>137,748</td><td></td><td>664</td><td></td><td>990'9</td><td></td><td>6,730</td><td></td><td>144,478</td></td<>	US I	9,511		30		127,911		09		236		137,748		664		990'9		6,730		144,478
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36,170   143,507   12,459   15,506   476,018   65,109   73,301   138,410	2	3,975		9,918		10,137		2,687		40,026		76,743		8,417		16,693		25,110		101,853
13,827   15,589   50,540   12,415   113,224   11,357   37,744   49,101     1,440   15,896   4,573   2,034   24,218   1,457   2,606   4,063     2,104   867   750   6,443   920   5,359     2,104   867   750   6,445   66,015     3,280   2,104   4,376   30,007   1,918   77,326   26,978   22,674   49,622     3,508   35,480   35,480   35,480     3,480   22,674   49,622     3,480   3,480   3,480   3,480     3,480   3,480   3,480   3,480     3,480   3,480   3,480   3,480     3,480   3,480   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,480   3,480     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,508   3,508     3,	178	3,626		36,120		143,507		62,459		55,306		476,018		65,109		73,301		138,410		614.428
1,400   5,896   4,573   2,034   24,218   1,457   2,606   4,063   4,063   5,25   5,25   5,29   5,20   6,445   66,015	8	1,853		13,827		15,589		50,540		12,415		113,224		11,357		37,744		49,101		162,325
525         2.104         867         750         6,781         4,438         920         5,359           3         76         255         9         5,137         3.226         28,683         66,015           40,874         40,874         43,326         30,007         1,916         77,326         26,978         22,674         49,662           5         40,685         420,685         4273,514         \$ 924,083         \$ 692,100         \$ 1,616,163         \$ 5,5	20	0,255		1,460		968'9		4,573		2,034		24,218		1,457		2,606		4,063		28,281
824         2,459         1,570         64,445         66,015           76         255         9         5,137         3226         226         35,68           40,974         4,376         30,007         1,918         77,326         26,978         22,674         49,652         1           5         320,585         \$ 420,313         \$ 423,626         \$ 4273,514         \$ 924,083         \$ 692,100         \$ 1616,163         \$ 5,8	. V 1	2,545		525		2,104		867		750		6,791		4,439		920		5,359		12,150
3 76 255 9 5,137 85,683 86,883		059,				824		×		*		2,459		1,570		64,445		66,015		68,474
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### AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013

	 2014		2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Change in net assets	\$ 253,851	\$	(769,668)
Adjustments to recognite abone in not excell to			, , ,
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	107.057		100.070
Write off of uncollectible pledges	127,957 42,752		126,978 35,480
Discount on contributions (decrease)	(12,185)		(27,177)
Net realized/unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(486,083)		(463,708)
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Subtotal	(73,708)		(1,098,095)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) or decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable	140,764		(462,191)
Contributions and pledges receivable	324,586		1,996,454
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(32,727)		(9,955)
(Decrease) or increase in liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,496		(86,020)
Deferred revenue	35,641		385,191
Deferred rent	 14,000		27,669
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 413,052	_	753,053
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchases of property and equipment	(18,174)		(14,093)
Proceeds from sales of investments	1,459,268		140,792
Purchases of investments	(1,531,389)		(85,614)
	 (1,001,000)		(00,014)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities	 (90,295)	_	41,085
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	322,757		794,138
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	 968,007		173,869
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,290,764	\$	968,007

### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

American Symphony Orchestra League (d/b/a League of American Orchestras) (the "League") was founded in 1942 and chartered by Congress in 1962. One of the nation's largest performing arts service organizations, the League comprises nearly 800 member symphony, chamber, youth and collegiate orchestras of all sizes, and links a national network of thousands of instrumentalists, conductors, managers, board members, volunteers, staff members and business partners.

The League supplies guidance and support to the orchestra field through: collection and dissemination of critical information and knowledge across multiple channels, including a national Conference and award-winning magazine; nationally recognized learning and leadership development programs; dedicated advocacy and strategic communications activities; targeted research and development projects; and leadership around collective action.

Examples of recent and current League initiatives include: programs and materials on financial management in tough economic times and problem-solving for emerging administrative leaders; an online career center; the field's first review and analysis of audience demographic trends; assistance in obtaining visas for foreign guest artists; a study of innovation in orchestras; and a national orchestra food drive.

The League is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and from state and local taxes under comparable laws.

### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. **Basis of Accounting** The League's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The League adheres to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").
- B. **Cash and Cash Equivalents** All highly liquid instruments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired are considered to be cash equivalents.
- C. **Basis of Presentation** the League maintains its net assets under the following three classes:
  - Unrestricted includes the net assets that are neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.
  - Temporarily Restricted resources received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets
    or place time restrictions on the resources. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated
    time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are
    reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released
    from restrictions.
  - Permanently Restricted includes funds that have been designated by the donor to be held and invested in perpetuity. The income and net capital appreciation from all permanently restricted assets are available for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes, in accordance with donor intent.
- D. Investments Investments are carried at fair value as explained in note 3 and includes cash to be reinvested. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the accompanying statements of activities. Donated securities are recorded at their fair value, as determined using quoted market prices at the date of donation, and are sold immediately upon receipt by the League. Dividend and interest income are recorded as earned. Net investment earnings on the permanently restricted endowment are recorded as increases in unrestricted net assets, unless the donors stipulate such earnings should increase specific temporarily restricted net assets until those purpose restrictions are satisfied.

### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- E. **Property and Equipment** Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis, applied over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 7-10 years. The League capitalizes property and equipment with a cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life greater than one year. Amortization of leasehold improvements is provided using the straight-line method, applied over the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the improvements or the remaining term of the lease.
- F. **Revenue and Deferred Revenue** The League recognizes membership dues from its orchestra members as revenue during the period to which the membership relates. Revenue generated from meetings and seminars is recognized at the time the meeting or seminar takes place. Any amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue.
- G. Contributions and Pledges Receivable Contributions and pledges are recognized when the donor makes an unconditional promise to give. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions to be received over periods longer than a single year are discounted at an interest rate commensurate with the risk involved. As of September 30, 2014 and 2013, the League determined that no allowance is needed for contributions and pledges and other receivables. Such estimate is based on management's evaluation of the creditworthiness of the donors, the aged basis of its receivables, as well as current economic conditions and historical information.
- H. **Functional Allocation of Expenses** The costs of providing the various programs and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities. Certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.
- Fair Value Measurements Fair value measurements are based on the price that would be received to sell an
  asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement
  date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy
  prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three levels, as reported in Note
  3.
- J. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
- K. Reclassification: Deferred membership dues and membership receivables have been reclassified to conform to the September 30, 2014 financial statement presentation. The amount reclassified for the year ended September 30, 2013 amounted to \$398,871.

### NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS & FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Investments consist of the following as of September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Equity Fund CommonFund Institutional Core Plus Bond Fund CommonFund High Quality Bond Fund	\$ 3,615,071 - -	\$ 3,085,596 719,705 706,964
Corporate Bonds	983,921	
Total Investments at Fair Value	4,598,992	4,512,265
Cash	471,477	
Total Investments	\$ 5,070,469	\$ 4,512,265

Certain investments are subject to market volatility that could substantially change their carrying value in the near term.

Investment income consists of the following for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	-	2014	 2013
Interest and dividends	\$	87,868	\$ 85,614
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		525	2,183
Net realized/unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		486,083	 463,708
Total investment income	\$	574,476	\$ 551,505

Investment fees for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were approximately \$16,200 and \$16,100, respectively, and are included in professional services on the accompanying statements of functional expenses.

The fair value hierarchy defines three levels as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Level 1 also includes U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and federal agency mortgage-backed securities, which are traded by dealers or brokers in active markets. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.
- <u>Level 2</u> Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are also obtained from third-party pricing services for similar assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models or similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker-traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

In determining fair value, the League utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible in its assessment of fair value.

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the end of the reporting period. For the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were no transfers.

### NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS & FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Fair value for assets in Level 2 are hedge funds and are measured using net asset value per share. CommonFund investment programs are designed to generate superior long-term investment performance. The fund permits monthly redemptions with a prior five day notice prior to month's end. There are no unfunded commitments.

Financial assets carried at fair value at September 30, 2014, are classified in the table as follows:

	Level 2	Total
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	\$ 3,615,071	\$ 3,615,071
Corporate Bonds	983,921	983,921
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 4,598,992	\$ 4,598,992

Financial assets carried at fair value at September 30, 2013, are classified in the table as follows:

	Level 2	Total
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	\$ 719,705	\$ 719,705
CommonFund High Quality Bond Fund	706,964	706,964
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	3,085,596	3,085,596
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	<u>\$ 4,512,265</u>	<u>\$ 4,512,265</u>

### **NOTE 4 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable consist of the following as of September 30, 2014 and 2013:

		2014	 2013
Membership dues Symphony Magazine advertising	\$	47,963 27.946	\$ 122,759 88,873
Other		12,109	 17,150
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$</u>	88,018	\$ 228,782

### NOTE 5 - CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Contributions and pledges receivable consist of the following as of September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	 2014	 2013
Contributions and pledges receivable:		
Due within 1 year	\$ 879,123	\$ 1,202,166
Due within 1 to 5 years	 328,588	 372,883
	1,207,711	1,575,049
Present value discount (at rates ranging from 0.11%-5.0%)	 (6,536)	 (18,721)
Total contributions and pledges receivable, net	\$ 1,201,175	\$ 1,556,328

### **NOTE 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consists of the following as of September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	 2014	2013	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 904,923	\$ 904,923	2-4 years
Furniture and fixtures	216,737	214,244	7-10 years
Computer hardware and software	 1,146,980	 1,131,299	5 years
Total cost	2,268,640	2,250,466	
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (2,172,085)	 (2,044,128)	
Net book value	\$ 96,555	\$ 206,338	

Depreciation expense amounted to \$127,957 and \$126,978 for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLANS**

The League has a defined contribution plan, which is qualified under Section 403(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Employees who have completed two years of service are eligible to participate. In 2010, the League suspended discretionary contributions to the plan. As a result, the League had no contributions for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The League also sponsors a separate, salary-reduction tax-deferred annuity plan under Section 403(b).

In fiscal year 2007, the League established a Section 457(b) deferred compensation plan for its key employees. Under the terms of the plan, such eligible employees may contribute amounts through a salary-reduction agreement. The League does not contribute to this plan.

### **NOTE 8 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Temporarily restricted net assets as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 are available for the following purposes, which may also contain time restrictions:

	2014	2013
Women's Conducting Initiative Program	\$ 256,608	\$ 341,079
Orchestra Management Fellowship Program	889,446	630,924
Technology Initiatives	15,403	26,146
Board Governance	250,185	-
Knowledge Center	115,000	-
Other Research and Development/Learning		
and Leadership Development Programs	120,932	539,759
Community Engagement	567,500	1,115,500
Time restricted	689,364	68,504
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 2,904,438	<u>\$ 2,721,912</u>

### NOTE 8 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

During the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the League released temporarily restricted net assets by incurring program expenses or the passage of time, as follows:

	2014	2013
American Conducting Fellows Program	\$ -	\$ 24,393
Women's Conducting Initiative Program	84,471	98,123
Board Governance	75,000	-
Knowledge Center	35,000	-
Orchestra Management Fellowship Program	225,000	289,161
Technology Initiatives	18,243	17,519
Other Research and Development/Learning		
and Leadership Development Programs	591,750	757,143
Community Engagement	548,000	494,500
Time restricted	68,504	456,636
Total net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$ 1,645,968</u>	<u>\$ 2,137,475</u>

### **NOTE 9 – COMMITMENTS**

During fiscal-year 1999, the League entered into a ten-year lease for office facilities in New York City. The lease provided for scheduled rent increases and escalations over the lease term and a free-rent allowance for the first six months. The League renewed this lease in June of 2008 for the ten years beginning January 1, 2010. This lease extension provided for scheduled rent increases and escalations over the lease term and a free-rent allowance for the first month. The effects of these scheduled rent increases and free-rent allowances are being recognized by the League on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Such amounts are reported as deferred rent in the accompanying statements of financial position.

The League is also obligated under an operating lease for an office suite in Washington, DC through December 2014. Subsequent to the end of the lease period, the League will rent this space on a month to month basis.

The League is also obligated under operating leases for office equipment, which expire in fiscal year 2015.

Future minimum rental commitments under these leases for the years ending subsequent to September 30, 2014 are approximately as follows:

2015	\$ 518,000
2016	519,000
2017	534,000
2018	550,000
2019	566,000
Thereafter	 141,000
Total	\$ 2,828,000

Rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 amounted to approximately \$581,000 and \$576,000, respectively.

### **NOTE 10 – BANK LINE OF CREDIT**

On July 13, 2012, the League renewed its \$1,000,000 line of credit with a maturity date of July 13, 2014. The League received a three month extension for the line of credit from July 2014 through October 2014. On October 17, 2014, the League renewed its \$1,000,000 line of credit with a maturity date of August 23, 2015. Under the terms of the renewal agreement, interest is payable monthly at a rate equal to the London InterBank Offered Rate plus 2.754 percentage points and any indebtedness is secured by all assets of the League. As of September 30, 2014, there was no outstanding balance under this agreement. As of February 3, 2015, there was no outstanding balance.

### **NOTE 11 – CONCENTRATIONS**

Cash and cash equivalents that potentially subject the League to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts with banks that exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance limits. Cash accounts are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor. As of September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were approximately \$1,544,000 and \$718,000, respectively of cash and cash equivalents held by banks that exceeded FDIC limits. Such amounts include outstanding checks.

### NOTE 12 - ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, provide guidance on the net asset classifications of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to the enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA"). The guidance requires disclosure about an organization's endowment funds, whether or not the organization is subject to UPMIFA.

The League's Board of Directors have determined that as a federally chartered institution operating in the State of New York, the League is not generally subject to the not-for profit law of any state. Inasmuch as nearly all of the states, including New York, have enacted a version of UPMIFA, the League has implemented the general disclosure guidance of U.S. GAAP as it relates to endowment net assets. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, organizations are required to disclose any deterioration of the fair value of assets associated with donor restricted endowment funds that fall below the level, if any; the donor requires the organization to retain. Such deterioration may occur for a variety of reasons, including unfavorable market fluctuations. There were no deficiencies as of September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The League's endowment investment policy is to invest assets into investment instruments approved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors with the allocation of funds based upon specified target percentages (or range of target percentages) for each type of investment instrument. The overall investment objective is to maximize the total return from income (dividends and interest) and the appreciation of investments commensurate with moderate risk across various asset classes. Any income on the League's endowment funds and any increase in value over the historical dollar value at the time of the donation are generally utilized within the year earned for the program purposes, authorized by the relevant contributions to the endowment. Unless authorized by the Board of Directors or the Finance Committee in compliance with the terms of the relevant contribution, the appropriations from the endowment funds do not deplete the value of any restricted endowment funds below historical dollar value at the time of donation.

### NOTE 12 - ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS (Continued)

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2014, are as follows:

	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>			ermanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Investment income: Interest and dividends Net realized/unrealized loss	\$	74,460 409,062	\$	- -	\$	74,460 409,062	
Total investment income	\$	483,522	\$	-	\$	483,522	
Appropriations		(225,000)				(225,000)	
Change in endowment net assets	\$	258,522	\$	-	\$	258,522	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$	630,924	\$	3,461,131	\$	4,092,055	
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	889,446	\$	3,461,131	\$	4,350,577	

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended September 30, 2013, are as follows:

In a standard transmission	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>			ermanently Restricted	<u>Total</u>		
Investment income: Interest and dividends Net realized/unrealized loss	\$	\$ 85,614 \$ 377,511		\$ - -		85,614 377,511	
Total investment income	\$	\$ 463,125		\$ -		463,125	
Appropriations		(289,161)		(300,000)		(589,161)	
Change in endowment net assets	\$	173,964	\$	(300,000)	\$	(126,036)	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$	456,960	\$	3,761,131	\$	4,218,091	
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	630,924	\$	3,461,131	\$	4,092,055	

During the year ended September 30, 2013, the League received approval from a donor to transfer \$300,000 from permanently restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets to establish the board designated change capital fund.

### **NOTE 13 - RESERVE FUNDS**

	Reserve Full		9,	/30/2013					9/30/14		
		Value	<u>Balance</u>		Balance		<u>Additions</u>	Rep	<u>lacement</u>		Balance_
Board-designated Change Capital Fund	\$	350,000	\$	250,000	\$ 50,000	\$	10,000	\$	310,000		
Board-designated Cash Reserve Fund		500,000		500,000	-		-		500,000		
Working Capital Reserve		423,750		423,750	-		-		423,750		
Total			\$ ^	1,173,750				\$ ^	1,233,750		

### **NOTE 13 – RESERVE FUNDS (Continued)**

	Reserve Full		9/30/2012					9/30/13
		Value	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Wit	<u>hdrawals</u>		Balance_
Board-designated Change Capital Fund	\$	300,000	\$ -	\$300,000	\$	50,000	\$	250,000
Board-designated Cash Reserve Fund		500,000	-	500,000		-		500,000
Working Capital Reserve		423,750	375,000	48,750		-		423,750
Total			\$ 375,000				\$ 1	<u>1,173,750</u>

The Board-designated Change Capital Fund is a revolving fund designed to allow the League to invest prudently in change initiatives intended to enhance services to members and/or strengthen the organization's sustainability. Any draw taken on the corpus of the fund must be replaced within sixty months. The use of dividends, interest, and realized and/or unrealized gains generated by the fund are at the discretion to the Board. In fiscal year 2013, the League's Board approved a \$50,000 draw on this fund. During fiscal year 2014, the League received an additional \$50,000 from a donor for the board-designated change capital fund and replaced \$10,000 of the fiscal year 2013 draw.

The Board-Designated Cash Reserve Fund is a revolving fund established to level out operating cash flow throughout the course of the fiscal year. The fund must hold its full value for no less than 30 (thirty) consecutive days during the course of each fiscal year.

The Working Capital Reserve was established through a grant made initially in 2006 and increased in subsequent years to create a working capital reserve intended to provide liquidity for short-term operating cash flow requirements throughout the course of the fiscal year. The fund must be fully replenished to its full value by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2014, there was a balance of \$923,750 in Cash and Short Term Investments, representing the holdings of the two Cash Reserve Funds. The funds associated with the Change Capital Fund are invested in the Commonfund.

### **NOTE 14 – UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS**

The League has no uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740 ("Income Taxes"), which provides standards for establishing and classifying any tax provisions for uncertain tax positions. The League is no longer subject to federal or state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for fiscal years before 2011.

### **NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The League has evaluated, for potential recognition and disclosure, events subsequent to the statement of financial position date through February 3, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date through February 3, 2015, that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.