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



Financial Statements (Together with Independent Auditors' Report)

Years Ended September 30, 2015 and 2014



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, 2015 and 2014, 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 from 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, 2015 and 2014, 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 January 26, 2016



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## AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2014

	 2015		2014
ASSETS	 		
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2B, 11 and 13):			
Operating	\$ 198,922	\$	367,014
Cash reserve	 620,361		923,750
Total cash and cash equivalents	819,283		1,290,764
Accounts receivable (Notes 2F and 4)	116,142		88,018
Contributions and pledges receivable (Notes 2G and 5)	1,022,505		1,201,175
Investments, at fair value (Notes 2D, 2I, 3)	5,046,623		5,070,469
Prepaid expenses and other assets	334,123		228,799
Property and equipment, net (Notes 2E and 6)	 91,091		96,555
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,429,767	\$	7,975,780
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 60,048	\$	41,816
Deferred revenue (Note 2F)	545,337		539,422
Deferred rent (Note 9)	 211,506		219,084
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 816,891		800,322
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 7, 9 and 10)			
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) (Note 2C)			
Unrestricted	070 000		040.000
Board designated change capital fund (Note 13)	370,000		310,000
Board designated fund for cash reserve (Note 13)	500,000 423,750		500,000 423,750
Working capital reserve (Note 13)  Available for operations	(420,824)		(423,861)
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Total unrestricted	872,926		809,889 2,904,438
Temporarily restricted (Notes 8 and 12)	2,178,819		
Permanently restricted (Note 12)	 3,561,131		3,461,131
TOTAL NET ASSETS	 6,612,876		7,175,458
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 7,429,767	\$	7,975,780

#### AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2014

			Yea	ar Ended Septe	mber	30, 2015			Year Ended September 30, 2014					
		Harris del ata d		Temporarily		rmanently		Total			T	emporarily	Permanently	Total
		<u>Jnrestricted</u>	_	Restricted		Restricted	_	2015		<u> Unrestricted</u>	_	Restricted	Restricted	2014
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:														
Contributions and grants (Note 2G)	\$	1,197,326	\$	1,418,719	\$	100,000	\$	2,716,045	\$	1,439,592	\$	1,344,972	\$ -	\$ 2,784,564
Membership dues (Note 2F)		1,869,281		-		-		1,869,281		1,682,318		-	-	1,682,318
Meetings and seminars (Note 2F)		600,455		-		-		600,455		461,435		-	-	461,435
Symphony magazine		293,757		-		-		293,757		287,696		-	-	287,696
Other income		20,305		-		-		20,305		12,138		-	-	12,138
Investment (loss) income, net (Notes 2D and 3)		(20,687)		(88,742)		-		(109,429)		90,954		483,522	-	574,476
Net assets released from restrictions (Notes 2C, 8 and 12)		2,055,596		(2,055,596)				<u> </u>		1,645,968	_	(1,645,968)		
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		6,016,033		(725,619)		100,000	_	5,390,414		5,620,101	_	182,526		5,802,627
EXPENSES AND LOSSES (Note 2H):														
Program services:														
Learning and leadership development		1,979,989		-		-		1,979,989		1,846,458		-	-	1,846,458
Research and development		598,938		-		-		598,938		394,930		-	-	394,930
Communications and public relations		946,094		-		-		946,094		830,553		-	-	830,553
Membership services		449,102		-		-		449,102		576,670		-	-	576,670
Advocacy		431,073						431,073		424,817				424,817
Total program services	_	4,405,196						4,405,196		4,073,428				4,073,428
Supporting services:														
Management and general		794,284		-		-		794,284		705,504		-	-	705,504
Development		753,516						753,516		769,844				769,844
Total supporting services		1,547,800	_				_	1,547,800		1,475,348	_			1,475,348
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES		5,952,996						5,952,996		5,548,776	_			5,548,776
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		63,037		(725,619)		100,000		(562,582)		71,325		182,526	-	253,851
Net assets - beginning of year		809,889	_	2,904,438		3,461,131	_	7,175,458	_	738,564	_	2,721,912	3,461,131	6,921,607
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	872,926	\$	2,178,819	\$	3,561,131	\$	6,612,876	\$	809,889	\$	2,904,438	\$ 3,461,131	\$ 7,175,458

## AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (With Comparative Totals for September 30, 2014)

		Program Services						Supporting Services			
	Learning and Leadership Development	Research and Development	Communications and Public Relations	Membership Services	Advocacy	Total Program Services	Management and General	Development	Total Supporting Services	Total 2015	TOTAL 2014
Salaries Payroll taxes and employee benefits (Note 7)	\$ 607,390 135,577	\$ 348,000 77,575	\$ 463,773 103,225	\$ 193,404 44,885	\$ 244,511 55,446	\$ 1,857,078 416,708	\$ 384,828 87,595	\$ 422,514 95,051	\$ 807,342 182,646	\$ 2,664,420 599,354	\$ 2,524,564 563,096
Total Salaries and Related Costs	742,967	425,575	566,998	238,289	299,957	2,273,786	472,423	517,565	989,988	3,263,774	3,087,660
Faculty/consultants Professional services (Note 3) Awards/orofessional development	140,044 - 503,014	32,939 3,849	33,888 - -	25,647 - -	4,271 - -	236,789 3,849 503,014	16,154 49,240	14,485 - -	30,639 49,240	267,428 53,089 503,014	173,027 53,171 529,000
Meeting expenses Travel and lodging Printing, production and copying	260,388 88,877 4,621	337 2,278 409	2,855 7,290 110,170	6,746 33,785 0	1,502 14,534 229	271,828 146,764 115,429	26,558 6,375	37,248 3,173 3,370	63,806 9,548 3,370	335,634 156,312 118,799	208,387 133,847 135,661
Postage and delivery Supplies Occupancy (Note 9)	2,868 32,634 146,288	828 11,587 79,168	27,831 14,668 105,459	1,196 5,806 47,654	618 42,279 51,067	33,341 106,974 429,636	1,607 7,371 92,276	2,940 10,144 97,687	4,547 17,515 189,963	37,888 124,489 619,599	37,638 107,514 617,436
Telecommunications Equipment rental and repairs Insurance	32,471 3,851 2,259	16,513 2,169 1,054	12,625 2,839 1,456	67,018 1,580 697	11,607 1,512 730	140,234 11,951 6,196	21,140 2,351 5,062	47,841 2,754 1,408	68,981 5,105 6,470	209,215 17,056 12,666	169,946 27,007 12,456
Staff training, recruitment and support Bank charges and fees Miscellaneous Bad debt	1,800 13,163 4,012	310 - -	57,251 - 123	1,070 - 1,287	- - -	60,431 13,163 5,422	66,015 1,970	1,390 - 1,456	1,390 66,015 3,426	61,821 79,178 8,848	3,908 75,865 5,544
Depreciation and amortization (Note 2E)	732	21,922	2,641	18,327	2,767	46,389	11,370 14,372	12,055	11,370 26,427	11,370 72,816	42,752 127,957
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,979,989	\$ 598,938	\$ 946,094	\$ 449,102	\$ 431,073	\$ 4,405,196	\$ 794,284	\$ 753,516	\$ 1,547,800	\$ 5,952,996	\$ 5,548,776

#### AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (dlb/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

	-	Program Services					Supporting Services											
	Learning and Leadership Development	Researc Develop		Con	nmunications and Public Relations	N	lembership Services	Advocacy	_	Total Program Services	М	anagement and General	De	evelopment		Total Supporting Services	_	Total 2014
Salaries Payroll taxes and employee benefits (Note 7)	\$ 598,182 133,754		2,454 4,230	\$	421,562 93,240	\$	300,780 67,603	\$ 237,241 52,819	\$	1,760,219 391,646	\$	339,091 79,540	\$	425,254 91,910	\$	764,345 171,450	\$	2,524,564 563,096
Total Salaries and Related Costs	731,936	24	6,684		514,802		368,383	290,060		2,151,865		418,631		517,164		935,795		3,087,660
Faculty/consultants Professional services (Note 3)	107,675	2	7,946		26,791		4,038	19		166,469		3,328 53,171		3,230		6,558 53,171		173,027 53,171
Awards/professional development	529,000		-		-		-	-		529,000		-		-		-		529,000
Meeting expenses	170,484		85		1,006		5,352	998		177,925		18,298		12,164		30,462		208,387
Travel and lodging	68,474		-		4,141		34,542	13,096		120,253		6,938		6,656		13,594		133,847
Printing, production and copying	10,930		-		118,157		-	296		129,383		24		6,254		6,278		135,661
Postage and delivery	2,598		519		28,926		978	703		33,724		814		3,100		3,914		37,638
Supplies	25,037		1,734		9,979		2,827	37,934		87,511		5,291		14,712		20,003		107,514
Occupancy (Note 9)	164,053		9,329		105,797		68,929	59,446		447,554		31,741		138,141		169,882		617,436
Telecommunications	22,166		4,938		10,657		54,194	16,866		118,821		14,190		36,935		51,125		169,946
Equipment rental and repairs	9,835		1,871		4,101		2,949	2,244		21,000		1,469		4,538		6,007		27,007
Insurance Staff training, recruitment and support	2,300 170		644 80		1,442 520		1,078 1,400	850		6,314 2,170		4,229		1,913 1,738		6,142 1,738		12,456 3,908
Bank charges and fees	170		00		520		290	130		420		75.445		1,730		75,445		75,865
Miscellaneous	1,605		-		-		1,368	6		2,979		2.227		338		2,565		5,544
Bad debt	1,005		-				1,500	-		2,313		42,752		550		42,752		42,752
Depreciation and amortization (Note 2E)	195	4	1,100		4,234		30,342	 2,169	_	78,040		26,956		22,961	_	49,917		127,957
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,846,458	\$ 39	4,930	\$	830,553	\$	576,670	\$ 424,817	\$	4,073,428	\$	705,504	\$	769,844	\$	1,475,348	\$	5,548,776

## AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE (d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN ORCHESTRAS) STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2014

		2015		2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Change in net assets	\$	(562,582)	\$	253,851
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Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to				
net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		72,815		127,957
Write off of uncollectible receivables		11,370		42,752
Discount on contributions increase/(decrease)		3,663		(12,185)
Net realized/unrealized loss (gain) on investments		210,230		(486,083)
Subtotal		(264,504)		(73,708)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) or decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable		(39,494)		140,764
Contributions and pledges receivable		175,007		324,586
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(105,324)		(32,727)
(Decrease) or increase in liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		18,232		4,496
Deferred revenue		5,915		35,641
Deferred rent		(7,578)		14,000
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities		(217,746)		413,052
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(67,351)		(18,174)
Proceeds from sales of investments		100,801		1,459,268
Purchases of investments		(287,185)		(1,531,389)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(253,735)		(90,295)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(471,481)		322,757
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		1,290,764		968,007
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u>	819,283	\$	1,290,764

#### **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 include 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, 2015 and 2014, 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.
- I. 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 U.S GAAP 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.

#### NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS & FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Investments consist of the following as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	\$ 3,589,222	\$ 3,615,071
Corporate Bonds	1,197,982	983,921
Total Investments at Fair Value	4,787,204	4,598,992
Cash and cash equivalents	259,419	471,477
Total Investments	<u>\$ 5,046,623</u>	\$ 5,070,469

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, 2015 and 2014:

	 <u> 2015</u>	 2014
Interest and dividends	\$ 100,282	\$ 87,868
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	519	525
Net realized/unrealized (loss)/gain on investments	 (210,230)	 486,083
Total investment (loss) income	\$ (109,429)	\$ 574,476

Investment fees for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 were approximately \$15,000 and \$16,200, respectively, and are included in professional services on the accompanying statements of functional expenses.

The fair value hierarchy defines three levels as follows:

- <u>Level 1</u> 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.
- <u>Level 3</u> 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, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2015, are classified in the table as follows:

	Level 2	Total
CommonFund Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	\$ 3,589,222	\$ 3,589,222
Corporate Bonds	1,197,982	1,197,982
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	<u>\$ 4,787,204</u>	\$ 4,787,204

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	\$ 4,598,99 <u>2</u>	\$ 4,598,992

#### **NOTE 4 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable consist of the following as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

		2015		2014
Membership dues	\$	64,315	\$	47,963
Symphony Magazine advertising		33,011		27,946
Other  Total accounts receivable	\$	<u>18,816</u> 116.142	\$	12,109 88,018
Total accounts receivable	Ψ	110,142	Ψ	00,010

#### NOTE 5 - CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Contributions and pledges receivable consist of the following as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	 2014
Contributions and pledges receivable:		
Due within 1 year	\$ 677,467	\$ 879,123
Due within 1 to 5 years	 355,237	 328,588
·	1,032,704	1,207,711
Present value discount (at rates ranging from 0.11%-5.0%)	 (10,199)	 (6,536)
Total contributions and pledges receivable, net	\$ 1,022,505	\$ 1,201,175

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

Property and equipment consists of the following as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015	2014	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 904,923	\$ 904,923	2-4 years
Furniture and fixtures	216,737	216,737	7-10 years
Computer hardware and software	 1,214,331	 1,146,980	5 years
Total cost	2,335,991	2,268,640	
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (2,244,900)	 (2,172,085)	
Net book value	\$ 91,091	\$ 96,555	

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$72,815 and \$127,957 for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, 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. In 2010 through 2014, the League suspended discretionary contributions to the plan. During 2015, the League made a contribution of approximately \$48,000.

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, 2015 and 2014 are available for the following purposes, which may also contain time restrictions:

	2015	2014
Women's Conducting Initiative Program Orchestra Management Fellowship Program Technology Initiatives Board Governance Knowledge Center Strategic Planning Other Research and Development/Learning	\$ 123,976 393,857 9,778 272,535 40,000 57,500	\$ 256,608 889,446 15,403 250,185 115,000
and Leadership Development Programs Community Engagement Time restricted	498,621 462,500 320,052	120,932 567,500 689,364
Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$ 2,178,819</u>	\$ 2,904,438

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

During the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the League released temporarily restricted net assets by incurring program expenses or the passage of time, as follows:

		<u> 2015</u>		2014
Women's Conducting Initiative Program	\$	132,632	\$	84,471
Board Governance		220,000		75,000
Knowledge Center		75,000		35,000
Orchestra Management Fellowship Program		250,000		225,000
Technology Initiatives		5,625		18,243
Other Research and Development/Learning				
and Leadership Development Programs		224,843		591,750
Community Engagement		605,000		548,000
Time restricted		542,496		68,504
Total net assets released from restrictions	\$ 2	2,055,59 <u>6</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	1 <u>,645,968</u>

#### **NOTE 9 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

A. 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 was also obligated under an operating lease for an office suite in Washington, DC through December 2014. As of January 2015, the League rented this space on a month to month basis.

The League is also obligated under operating leases for office equipment.

Future minimum rental commitments under these leases for the years ending subsequent to September 30, 2015 are approximately as follows:

2016	\$	410,000
2017		541,000
2018		556,000
2019		572,000
2020		294,000
Total	<u>\$</u>	2,373,000

Rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 amounted to approximately \$583,000 and \$581,000, respectively.

B. The League has been named as a defendant in certain legal actions. Upon review by the League's legal counsel, management believes that, if liability is established, all pending claims will be adequately covered by the League's insurance coverage.

#### **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. On June 10, 2015, the League closed on a two-year renewal of the \$1,000,000 line of credit with a maturity date of June 10, 2017. Under the terms of the renewal agreement, interest is payable monthly at a rate equal to the London InterBank Offered Rate plus 2.815 percentage points and any indebtedness is secured by all assets of the League. As of September 30, 2015, there was no outstanding balance under this agreement. As of January 26, 2016, 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, 2015 and 2014, there were approximately \$572,000 and \$1,544,000, respectively of cash and cash equivalents held by banks that exceeded FDIC limits. Such amounts include outstanding checks.

#### **NOTE 12 – ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS**

U.S GAAP provides guidance on the net asset classifications of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to an 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, 2015 and 2014.

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, 2015, are as follows:

Investment income:	mporarily estricted		ermanently Restricted	<u>Total</u>		
Interest and dividends Net realized/unrealized loss	\$ 84,583 (173,325)	\$	- -	\$	84,583 (173,325)	
Total investment income	\$ (88,742)	\$	-	\$	(88,742)	
Contributions to Endowment Appropriations	(250,000)		100,000		100,000 (250,000)	
Арргорпанонз	 (230,000)				(230,000)	
Change in endowment net assets	\$ (338,742)	\$	100,000	\$	(238,742)	
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 889,446	\$	3,461,131	\$	4,350,577	
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 550,704	<u>\$</u>	3,561,131	<u>\$</u>	4,111,835	

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

In a star and because		mporarily estricted	ermanently Restricted	<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	

### **NOTE 13 – RESERVE FUNDS**

	Re	serve Full	9/	/30/2014				!	9/30/15
		Value	E	Balance_	<u>Additions</u>	Rep	<u>lacement</u>		Balance
Board-designated Change Capital Fund	\$	400,000	\$	310,000	\$ 50,000	\$	10,000	\$	370,000
Board-designated Cash Reserve Fund		500,000		500,000	-		-		500,000
Working Capital Reserve		423,750		423,750	-		-		423,750
Total			\$ 1	1,233,750				\$ ^	1,293,750

#### NOTE 13 - RESERVE FUNDS (Continued)

	Reserve Full		9	/30/2013					9/30/14
	Value		<u>Balance</u>		<u>Additions</u>	Replacement			<u>Balance</u>
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	<u>1,173,750</u>				\$ 1	1,233,750

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. 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. During fiscal year 2015, the League received an additional \$50,000 from a donor for the board-designated change capital fund.

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, 2015 and 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 believes it has no uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 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 2012.

#### **NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The League has evaluated, for potential recognition and disclosure, events subsequent to the date of the statements of financial position through January 26, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.