

**Short Form**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2016**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending , 20

**B** Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
Opera House Players

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
PO Box 421

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
Elkader, IA 52043

**D** Employer identification number  
45-1511984

**E** Telephone number  
563-873-2378

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**I** Website: ▶

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) —  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other Membership - Theater Organization

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	67,365
	<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	50,984
	<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	239
	<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	0
	<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>	0	
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	0	
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	118,588	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	577
	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	0
	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	0
	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	6,885
	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	5,077
	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	3,627
	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	42,788
<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	58,954	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	59,334
	<b>19</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	99,487
	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	0
	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . ▶	<b>21</b>	159,121

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	99,487	<b>22</b> 159,121
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	0	<b>23</b> 0
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>24</b> 0
<b>25</b> <b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	99,487	<b>25</b> 159,121
<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>26</b> 0
<b>27</b> <b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	99,487	<b>27</b> 159,121

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

<b>28</b> Spring Play Harvey. approximately 20 actors / cast / crew - 648 people attended 6 performances ----- ----- (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	6,569
<b>29</b> Summer Children's Program Missoula children's theater - approx 60 actors / cast / crew - 372 people attended two performances ----- ----- (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	4,014
<b>30</b> Fall Musical Willy Wonka. approximately 45 actors / cast / crew - 2619 people attended 7 performances ----- ----- (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	26,063
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	4,944
<b>32</b> <b>Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .	<b>32</b>	41,590

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Jon K Banse President Box 312 Strawberry Point, IA 52076	2	0	0	0
Barbara K Chandler Secretary 100 Haven Dr. Elkader, IA 52043	1	0	0	0
Craig H. Strutt Treasurer 414 Main St, McGregor, IA 52157	4	0	0	0
Kay Moser Vice President 908 Carter Road, Elkader, IA 52043	2	0	0	0
Terri A Strutt Corresponding Secretary 414 Main St. McGregor, IA 52157	2	0	0	0
Del Reimer Director Elkader IA 52043	0	0	0	0
Marge Banse Director Box 312 Strawberry Point, IA 52076	0	0	0	0
Diane Fisk Monona, IA 52159	0	0	0	0
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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and controlled entities.

<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	<b>46</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<b>47</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>		

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  **Yes**  **No**

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	▶ Signature of officer	Date
	▶ <u>Craig H. Strutt, Treasurer</u>	February 2, 2017
	▶ Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no.

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