

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Financial Statements
and Independent Auditors' Report
for the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc., which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of July 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related consolidated statements of activities, of cash flows, and of functional expenses 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 our audits 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 auditors' 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 consolidated financial position of Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc. as of July 31, 2016 and 2015 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. Supplementary information in the consolidating statements of financial position as of July 31, 2016 and 2015 and consolidating statements of activities for the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Blazek & Vetterling

October 12, 2016

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 559,952 | \$ 850,212 |
| Accounts receivable | 253,912 | 343,250 |
| Operating pledges receivable, net (<i>Note 2</i>) | 20,410,636 | 17,006,569 |
| Deferred production costs and other assets | 2,250,090 | 3,007,795 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust (<i>Notes 3 and 5</i>) | 2,172,388 | 2,206,868 |
| Pledges receivable restricted for endowment, net (<i>Note 2</i>) | 986,891 | 1,489,002 |
| Investments (<i>Notes 4 and 5</i>) | 52,660,252 | 53,074,303 |
| Property, net (<i>Note 6</i>) | <u>614,703</u> | <u>805,789</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 79,908,824</u> | <u>\$ 78,783,788</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 184,333 | \$ 168,494 |
| Accrued salaries and benefit costs | 359,774 | 508,290 |
| Accrued production expense | 264,852 | 642,945 |
| Deferred subscription revenue | 2,905,523 | 3,291,954 |
| Deferred co-production and set rental revenue | 203,416 | 175,970 |
| Note payable (<i>Note 7</i>) | <u>1,500,000</u> | <u>300,000</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>5,417,898</u> | <u>5,087,653</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies (<i>Note 8</i>) | | |
| Net assets (<i>Note 11</i>): | | |
| Unrestricted (<i>Note 9</i>) | (1,235,107) | (1,057,226) |
| Temporarily restricted (<i>Note 10</i>) | 29,973,696 | 31,370,647 |
| Permanently restricted | <u>45,752,337</u> | <u>43,382,714</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>74,490,926</u> | <u>73,696,135</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>\$ 79,908,824</u> | <u>\$ 78,783,788</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Activities for the year ended July 31, 2016

| | <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> | TEMPORARILY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | PERMANENTLY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE: | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 9,174,457 | \$ 7,355,535 | \$ 2,369,623 | \$ 18,899,615 |
| Ticket sales and performance fees | 5,780,942 | | | 5,780,942 |
| Special events | 2,114,520 | 523,924 | | 2,638,444 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | (463,188) | | | (463,188) |
| Investment return, net <i>(Note 4)</i> | 22,735 | 221,199 | | 243,934 |
| Production income | 406,036 | | | 406,036 |
| Other income | <u>419,078</u> | | | <u>419,078</u> |
| Total revenue | 17,454,580 | 8,100,658 | 2,369,623 | 27,924,861 |
| Net assets released from restrictions: | | | | |
| Time and purpose restrictions | 5,150,968 | (5,150,968) | | |
| Endowment appropriation | 3,710,257 | (3,710,257) | | |
| Redesignation for special events | <u>636,384</u> | <u>(636,384)</u> | | |
| Total | <u>26,952,189</u> | <u>(1,396,951)</u> | <u>2,369,623</u> | <u>27,924,861</u> |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Program services: | | | | |
| Mainstage | 16,597,418 | | | 16,597,418 |
| Studio | 1,055,431 | | | 1,055,431 |
| Education | <u>915,238</u> | | | <u>915,238</u> |
| Total program services | 18,568,087 | | | 18,568,087 |
| Marketing and advertising | 3,282,897 | | | 3,282,897 |
| Fundraising | 3,350,552 | | | 3,350,552 |
| Management and general | <u>1,928,534</u> | | | <u>1,928,534</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>27,130,070</u> | | | <u>27,130,070</u> |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | (177,881) | (1,396,951) | 2,369,623 | 794,791 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | <u>(1,057,226)</u> | <u>31,370,647</u> | <u>43,382,714</u> | <u>73,696,135</u> |
| Net assets, end of year | <u>\$ (1,235,107)</u> | <u>\$ 29,973,696</u> | <u>\$ 45,752,337</u> | <u>\$ 74,490,926</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Activities for the year ended July 31, 2015

| | <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> | <u>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</u> | <u>PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE: | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 8,184,139 | \$ 10,081,768 | \$ 2,607,089 | \$ 20,872,996 |
| Ticket sales and performance fees | 6,094,277 | | | 6,094,277 |
| Special events | 1,715,370 | 443,550 | | 2,158,920 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | (593,692) | | | (593,692) |
| Investment return, net <i>(Note 4)</i> | 36,752 | 1,618,903 | | 1,655,655 |
| Production income | 793,838 | | | 793,838 |
| Other income | <u>327,555</u> | | | <u>327,555</u> |
| Total revenue | 16,558,239 | 12,144,221 | 2,607,089 | 31,309,549 |
| Net assets released from restrictions: | | | | |
| Time and purpose restrictions | 5,773,234 | (5,773,234) | | |
| Endowment appropriation | 2,125,624 | (2,125,624) | | |
| Net transfer to/from Endowment | (241,974) | | 241,974 | |
| Redesignation for special events | <u>1,200,983</u> | <u>(1,200,983)</u> | | |
| Total | <u>25,416,106</u> | <u>3,044,380</u> | <u>2,849,063</u> | <u>31,309,549</u> |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Program services: | | | | |
| Mainstage | 15,379,597 | | | 15,379,597 |
| Studio | 987,529 | | | 987,529 |
| Education | <u>914,339</u> | | | <u>914,339</u> |
| Total program services | 17,281,465 | | | 17,281,465 |
| Marketing and advertising | 3,143,904 | | | 3,143,904 |
| Fundraising | 3,149,267 | | | 3,149,267 |
| Management and general | <u>1,697,351</u> | | | <u>1,697,351</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>25,271,987</u> | | | <u>25,271,987</u> |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | 144,119 | 3,044,380 | 2,849,063 | 6,037,562 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | <u>(1,201,345)</u> | <u>28,326,267</u> | <u>40,533,651</u> | <u>67,658,573</u> |
| Net assets, end of year | <u>\$ (1,057,226)</u> | <u>\$ 31,370,647</u> | <u>\$ 43,382,714</u> | <u>\$ 73,696,135</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Changes in net assets | \$ 794,791 | \$ 6,037,562 |
| Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash used by operating activities: | | |
| Net realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments | 628,634 | (969,592) |
| Contributions restricted for endowment | (2,369,623) | (2,607,089) |
| Depreciation | 277,333 | 232,941 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 89,338 | 409,974 |
| Operating pledges receivable | (3,404,067) | (4,366,944) |
| Deferred production costs and other assets | 757,705 | (245,123) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (510,770) | (158,439) |
| Deferred revenue | <u>(358,985)</u> | <u>(373,167)</u> |
| Net cash used by operating activities | <u>(4,095,644)</u> | <u>(2,039,877)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchases of investments | (10,697,640) | (16,040,214) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 6,341,732 | 13,171,833 |
| Net change in cash and money market mutual funds held as investments | 4,141,325 | 1,098,476 |
| Change in beneficial interest in charitable trust | 34,480 | 72,894 |
| Purchases of property | <u>(86,247)</u> | <u>(199,780)</u> |
| Net cash used by investing activities | <u>(266,350)</u> | <u>(1,896,791)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Proceeds from note payable | 6,250,000 | 4,500,000 |
| Payments on note payable | (5,050,000) | (4,200,000) |
| Proceeds from contributions restricted for endowment | <u>2,871,734</u> | <u>3,554,755</u> |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | <u>4,071,734</u> | <u>3,854,755</u> |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH | (290,260) | (81,913) |
| Cash, beginning of year | <u>850,212</u> | <u>932,125</u> |
| Cash, end of year | <u>\$ 559,952</u> | <u>\$ 850,212</u> |
| <i>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</i> | | |
| Donated securities | \$214,021 | \$475,314 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses for the year ended July 31, 2016

| | <u>MAINSTAGE</u> | <u>STUDIO</u> | <u>EDUCATION</u> | <u>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</u> | <u>MARKETING AND ADVERTISING</u> | <u>FUNDRAISING</u> | <u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u> | <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$ 8,377,905 | \$ 664,513 | \$ 427,622 | \$ 9,470,040 | \$ 1,421,320 | \$ 1,668,683 | \$ 981,143 | \$ 13,541,186 |
| Payroll taxes and benefits | 1,842,747 | 178,246 | 79,430 | 2,100,423 | 275,700 | 309,243 | 263,772 | 2,949,138 |
| Professional fees | 2,932,177 | 135,250 | 234,821 | 3,302,248 | 124,045 | 238,867 | 150,705 | 3,815,865 |
| Production materials | 1,269,829 | 2,627 | 15,862 | 1,288,318 | | | | 1,288,318 |
| Advertising and public relations | 3,505 | 3,021 | 28,566 | 35,092 | 751,826 | 188,774 | 7,639 | 983,331 |
| Building and storage rentals | 754,841 | 9,561 | 32,237 | 796,639 | 63,232 | 78,532 | 22,796 | 961,199 |
| Travel | 493,924 | 50,591 | 51,755 | 596,270 | 12,444 | 42,340 | 251,127 | 902,181 |
| Conferences, meetings and events | 25,680 | 6,373 | 13,854 | 45,907 | 28,470 | 520,335 | 39,564 | 634,276 |
| Office supplies and expenses | 102,873 | 4,061 | 22,364 | 129,298 | 276,829 | 92,202 | 59,316 | 557,645 |
| Depreciation | 147,642 | | | 147,642 | 95,209 | 13,924 | 20,558 | 277,333 |
| Production shipping costs | 269,819 | | | 269,819 | | | | 269,819 |
| Insurance | 148,766 | | | 148,766 | 32,800 | 28,753 | 21,151 | 231,470 |
| Bank credit card fees | | | 17 | 17 | 151,898 | 64,610 | 5,984 | 222,509 |
| Equipment | 76,927 | 550 | 5,064 | 82,541 | 13,300 | 35,852 | 10,960 | 142,653 |
| Royalties | 125,733 | 638 | 3,646 | 130,017 | | | | 130,017 |
| Information technology | 25,050 | | | 25,050 | 35,640 | 32,465 | 25,905 | 119,060 |
| Interest | | | | | | | 67,914 | 67,914 |
| Other | | | | | 184 | 35,972 | | 36,156 |
| Total expenses | <u>\$ 16,597,418</u> | <u>\$ 1,055,431</u> | <u>\$ 915,238</u> | <u>\$ 18,568,087</u> | <u>\$ 3,282,897</u> | <u>\$ 3,350,552</u> | <u>\$ 1,928,534</u> | 27,130,070 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | | | | | | | | 463,188 |
| Investment management fees | | | | | | | | <u>228,564</u> |
| Total expenditures | | | | | | | | <u>\$ 27,821,822</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses for the year ended July 31, 2015

| | <u>MAINSTAGE</u> | <u>STUDIO</u> | <u>EDUCATION</u> | <u>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</u> | <u>MARKETING AND ADVERTISING</u> | <u>FUNDRAISING</u> | <u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u> | <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$ 7,529,685 | \$ 600,020 | \$ 489,607 | \$ 8,619,312 | \$ 1,279,236 | \$ 1,571,408 | \$ 976,233 | \$ 12,446,189 |
| Payroll taxes and benefits | 1,624,126 | 169,821 | 86,534 | 1,880,481 | 252,429 | 289,162 | 246,098 | 2,668,170 |
| Professional fees | 2,980,491 | 133,169 | 198,935 | 3,312,595 | 129,993 | 168,122 | 95,015 | 3,705,725 |
| Production materials | 1,116,015 | 2,677 | 6,412 | 1,125,104 | | | | 1,125,104 |
| Advertising and public relations | 4,920 | 1,368 | 21,972 | 28,260 | 866,396 | 207,574 | 7,853 | 1,110,083 |
| Building and storage rentals | 731,431 | 6,862 | 4,054 | 742,347 | 64,218 | 67,073 | 22,118 | 895,756 |
| Travel | 432,801 | 60,339 | 63,127 | 556,267 | 9,184 | 34,437 | 103,760 | 703,648 |
| Conferences, meetings and events | 23,742 | 6,464 | 18,251 | 48,457 | 24,368 | 437,210 | 44,490 | 554,525 |
| Office supplies and expenses | 71,110 | 4,600 | 13,991 | 89,701 | 258,705 | 102,850 | 72,099 | 523,355 |
| Depreciation | 167,500 | | | 167,500 | 21,505 | 16,433 | 27,503 | 232,941 |
| Production shipping costs | 325,174 | | | 325,174 | | | | 325,174 |
| Insurance | 162,767 | | | 162,767 | 37,636 | 27,157 | 21,779 | 249,339 |
| Bank credit card fees | | | 14 | 14 | 148,615 | 73,190 | 10,207 | 232,026 |
| Equipment | 86,313 | 616 | 6,300 | 93,229 | 15,432 | 27,951 | 11,641 | 148,253 |
| Royalties | 98,896 | 1,593 | 2,182 | 102,671 | | | | 102,671 |
| Information technology | 24,626 | | | 24,626 | 34,809 | 30,975 | 23,224 | 113,634 |
| Interest | | | | | | | 35,331 | 35,331 |
| Other | | | 2,960 | 2,960 | 1,378 | 95,725 | | 100,063 |
| Total expenses | <u>\$ 15,379,597</u> | <u>\$ 987,529</u> | <u>\$ 914,339</u> | <u>\$ 17,281,465</u> | <u>\$ 3,143,904</u> | <u>\$ 3,149,267</u> | <u>\$ 1,697,351</u> | 25,271,987 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | | | | | | | | 593,692 |
| Investment management fees | | | | | | | | <u>265,778</u> |
| Total expenditures | | | | | | | | <u>\$ 26,131,457</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization – The Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc. (the Association) was founded in 1955 to promote and provide suitable opportunities for the advancement of musical culture by producing, sponsoring, or otherwise making available to the general public music, theater performances including grand opera, light opera, operetta, musical theater, and recitals.

The Association's programs include theater performances, education and outreach, and Houston Grand Opera Studio. Education and outreach initiates and develops educational programs and relationships for children, teachers, and the general public including pre-curtain lectures, artist presentations, high school nights at mainstage performances, and student matinees, and provides for the development of opera education materials and programs for the visually impaired. Houston Grand Opera Studio is a nationally acclaimed training and performance program dedicated to the advancement of young artists with the potential for major careers in the opera, music, and theater profession.

The Houston Grand Opera Guild (the Guild) promotes quality musical drama performances, including grand operas, provides suitable opportunities for the advancement of musical culture, and instills through education and performances the traditions of opera and music theater in the general public. The Association is the sole member of the Guild. The Houston Grand Opera Endowment (the Endowment) was founded to accumulate and manage a permanent endowment for the purpose of supporting the operations of the Association. The Board of Trustees of the Endowment is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Basis of consolidation – These consolidated financial statements include the assets, liabilities, net assets and activities of the Association, the Guild, and the Endowment (collectively the Opera). All balances and transactions between these consolidated entities have been eliminated.

Federal income tax status – The Association, the Guild, and the Endowment are exempt from federal income tax under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Association and the Guild are classified as public charities under §509(a)(2). The Endowment is classified as a public charity and a Type I supporting organization under §509(a)(3).

Cash includes demand deposits which exceed the federally insured limit per depositor per institution. Cash held in investment accounts is included in investments.

Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected within one year are reported at net realizable value. Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected in future years are discounted to estimate the present value of future cash flows. Discounts are computed using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are received. Amortization of discounts is included in contribution revenue.

Allowance for uncollectible accounts – An allowance for accounts receivable or pledges receivable is provided when it is believed balances may not be collected in full. It is the Opera's policy to write off receivables against the allowance when management determines the receivable will not be collected. The amount of bad debt expense or loss on pledges recognized each period and the resulting adequacy of the allowance at the end of each period is determined using a combination of historical loss experience and individual account-by-account analysis of accounts receivable and pledges receivable balances. It is possible that management's estimate regarding collectability will change in the near term resulting in a change in the carrying value of accounts receivable and pledges receivable.

Deferred production costs – Expenses for scenery, costumes, music, and stage properties are reported as deferred production costs if specifically related to productions of future opera seasons. These costs are expensed in the year the production is performed.

Beneficial interest in charitable trust is reported at fair value. Changes in the beneficial interest are reported as contributions in the statement of activities.

Investment valuation and income recognition – Investments are reported at fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are reported on a trade-date basis. The Association’s management determines valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers, custodians and fund managers. Interest income is reported on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Investment return is reported in the statement of activities as an increase in unrestricted net assets unless the use of the income is limited by donor-imposed restrictions.

Property is reported at cost, if purchased, or at fair value at the date of gift, if donated. Property is depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 2 to 15 years. Expenditures greater than \$1,000 with useful lives greater than 22 months are capitalized.

Net asset classification – Contributions, investment return and the related net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

- *Unrestricted net assets* include those net assets whose use is not restricted by donor-imposed stipulations, even though their use may be limited in other respects, such as by contract or board designation.
- *Temporarily restricted net assets* include contributions and investment return restricted by the donor for specific purposes or time periods. When a purpose restriction is accomplished, a time restriction ends, or Endowment earnings are appropriated for use, temporarily restricted net assets are released to unrestricted net assets.
- *Permanently restricted net assets* include contributions that donors have restricted in perpetuity. Investment return may be used to support donor-specified programs.

Contributions are recognized as revenue when an unconditional commitment is received from the donor. Contributions received with donor stipulations that limit their use are classified as restricted support. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the support is reported as unrestricted. Conditional contributions are recognized in the same manner when the conditions are substantially met.

Non-cash contributions – Donated materials, use of facilities, and services are recognized at fair value as contributions when an unconditional commitment is received from the donor. The related expense is recognized as the item is used. Contributions of services are recognized when services received (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. In-kind contributions of \$400,476 and \$206,817 in 2016 and 2015, respectively, consisting primarily of mainstage travel, professional services and fundraising catering costs, were recognized by the Association.

Ticket sales and performance fees are recognized as revenue when the performance takes place. Amounts received for future Association season performances are included in the statement of financial position as deferred subscription revenue.

Production income – The Association enters into co-production agreements with other opera companies or associations for the purpose of sharing performance production costs. Agreements among multiple

parties are structured as royalty or rental compensation to the Association. Production income is recognized when the Association’s contractual obligations are fulfilled.

Advertising is expensed the first time the advertising takes place, except for expenditures related to future opera seasons, which are recognized as deferred production costs and other assets.

Estimates – Management must make estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, the amounts reported as revenue and expenses, and the allocation of expenses among various functions. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Reclassifications – Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements to conform with the current presentation.

Recent financial accounting pronouncements – In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. The amendments in this ASU are the first phase of changes aimed at providing more useful information to users of not-for-profit financial statements. Under this ASU, net assets will be presented in two classes: *net assets with donor restrictions* and *net assets without donor restrictions* and underwater endowments will be grouped with *net assets with donor restrictions*. New or enhanced disclosures will be required about the nature and composition of net assets, and the liquidity and availability of resources for general operating expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date. Expenses will be required to be presented by both nature and function and investment return will be presented net of external and direct internal investment expenses. Absent explicit donor stipulations, restrictions on long-lived assets will expire when assets are placed in service. The ASU is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2017, but early adoption is permitted. The Opera plans to adopt this ASU for its fiscal year ending July 31, 2019. Adoption of this ASU will significantly impact the presentation and disclosures of the financial statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*. The ASU removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy investments for which fair value is measured at net asset value per share using the practical expedient and removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the practical expedient. The ASU is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and is to be applied retrospectively to all periods presented.

NOTE 2 – PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Pledges receivable are as follows:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pledges receivable | \$ 21,756,587 | \$ 19,086,189 |
| Discount to present value at 0.61% to 1.46% | (249,060) | (280,618) |
| Allowance for uncollectible pledges receivable | <u>(110,000)</u> | <u>(310,000)</u> |
| Pledges receivable, net | 21,397,527 | 18,495,571 |
| Pledges receivable restricted for endowment, net | <u>(986,891)</u> | <u>(1,489,002)</u> |
| Operating pledges receivable, net | <u>\$ 20,410,636</u> | <u>\$ 17,006,569</u> |

Pledges receivable at July 31, 2016 are expected to be collected as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Due in less than one year | \$ 9,307,837 |
| Due in one to five years | <u>12,448,750</u> |
| Total pledges receivable | <u>\$ 21,756,587</u> |

NOTE 3 – BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN CHARITABLE TRUST

The Association was named a beneficiary of a charitable trust, which was created in 2010 upon the death of the trust settler for a period of 20 years from the date of death. The trust will distribute 8% of the final fair value of the trust, as determined for federal estate tax purposes, to the beneficiaries. The Association receives 30% of that amount each year, or approximately \$186,000 per year through 2029.

NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Mutual funds | \$ 21,690,227 | \$ 19,468,392 |
| Common stocks | 14,915,533 | 15,526,838 |
| Fixed-income common collective fund | 7,068,853 | 6,849,587 |
| Limited partnership funds | 4,993,614 | 4,467,501 |
| Master limited partnerships – energy | <u>3,677,182</u> | <u>4,791,729</u> |
| Total investments at fair value | 52,345,409 | 51,104,047 |
| Cash held in investment accounts | <u>314,843</u> | <u>1,970,256</u> |
| Total investments | <u>\$ 52,660,252</u> | <u>\$ 53,074,303</u> |

Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Because of these risks, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position and statement of activities.

Investment return includes earnings on cash and consists of the following:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Interest and dividends | \$ 1,087,520 | \$ 924,276 |
| Royalty income | 13,612 | 27,565 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | (628,634) | 969,592 |
| Investment management fees | <u>(228,564)</u> | <u>(265,778)</u> |
| Investment return, net | <u>\$ 243,934</u> | <u>\$ 1,655,655</u> |

NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principles require that certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value and establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs used to measure fair value. Fair value is 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. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- *Level 1* – Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the reporting date.
- *Level 2* – Inputs are other than quoted prices included in Level 1, which are either directly observable or can be derived from or corroborated by observable market data at the reporting date.
- *Level 3* – Inputs are not observable and are based on the reporting entity’s assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Assets measured at fair value at July 31, 2016 are as follows:

| | <u>LEVEL 1</u> | <u>LEVEL 2</u> | <u>LEVEL 3</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Investments: | | | | |
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Foreign stock | \$ 6,700,925 | | | \$ 6,700,925 |
| Large-blend stock | 6,498,180 | | | 6,498,180 |
| Taxable bond | 4,559,097 | | | 4,559,097 |
| Money market | 2,121,621 | | | 2,121,621 |
| Large-cap stock | 1,668,199 | | | 1,668,199 |
| Small-cap stock | 142,205 | | | 142,205 |
| Common stocks: | | | | |
| Consumer discretionary | 3,747,217 | | | 3,747,217 |
| Information technology | 3,594,333 | | | 3,594,333 |
| Financials | 2,082,040 | | | 2,082,040 |
| Foreign | 1,701,778 | | | 1,701,778 |
| Health care | 1,518,804 | | | 1,518,804 |
| Industrials | 773,046 | | | 773,046 |
| Materials | 494,912 | | | 494,912 |
| Consumer staples | 409,638 | | | 409,638 |
| Utilities | 320,103 | | | 320,103 |
| Energy | 273,662 | | | 273,662 |
| Fixed-income common collective fund (a) | | \$ 7,068,853 | | 7,068,853 |
| Limited partnership funds: | | | | |
| Real estate (b) | | | \$ 2,936,571 | 2,936,571 |
| Private capital (c) | | | 1,255,328 | 1,255,328 |
| Event-driven/distressed debt hedge (d) | | | 801,715 | 801,715 |
| Master limited partnerships – energy | <u>3,677,182</u> | | | <u>3,677,182</u> |
| Total investments measured at fair value | 40,282,942 | 7,068,853 | 4,993,614 | 52,345,409 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | | <u>2,172,388</u> | <u>2,172,388</u> |
| Total assets measured at fair value | <u>\$ 40,282,942</u> | <u>\$ 7,068,853</u> | <u>\$ 7,166,002</u> | <u>\$ 54,517,797</u> |

Assets measured at fair value at July 31, 2015 are as follows:

| | <u>LEVEL 1</u> | <u>LEVEL 2</u> | <u>LEVEL 3</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Investments: | | | | |
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Foreign stock | \$ 5,202,110 | | | \$ 5,202,110 |
| Large-blend stock | 6,173,765 | | | 6,173,765 |
| Taxable bond | 1,973,692 | | | 1,973,692 |
| Money market | 4,607,533 | | | 4,607,533 |
| Large-cap stock | 1,511,292 | | | 1,511,292 |
| Common stocks: | | | | |
| Consumer discretionary | 3,096,223 | | | 3,096,223 |
| Information technology | 4,299,267 | | | 4,299,267 |
| Financials | 1,819,417 | | | 1,819,417 |
| Foreign | 2,193,792 | | | 2,193,792 |
| Health care | 1,903,388 | | | 1,903,388 |
| Industrials | 996,338 | | | 996,338 |
| Materials | 255,707 | | | 255,707 |
| Consumer staples | 415,414 | | | 415,414 |
| Utilities | 185,153 | | | 185,153 |
| Energy | 347,364 | | | 347,364 |
| Telecommunication services | 14,775 | | | 14,775 |
| Fixed-income common collective fund (a) | | \$ 6,849,587 | | 6,849,587 |
| Limited partnership funds: | | | | |
| Real estate (b) | | | \$ 2,714,088 | 2,714,088 |
| Private capital (c) | | | 951,780 | 951,780 |
| Event-driven/distressed debt hedge (d) | | | 801,633 | 801,633 |
| Master limited partnerships – energy | <u>4,791,729</u> | | | <u>4,791,729</u> |
| Total investments measured at fair value | 39,786,959 | 6,849,587 | 4,467,501 | 51,104,047 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | | <u>2,206,868</u> | <u>2,206,868</u> |
| Total assets measured at fair value | <u>\$ 39,786,959</u> | <u>\$ 6,849,587</u> | <u>\$ 6,674,369</u> | <u>\$ 53,310,915</u> |

- (a) The primary investment objective of the fund is to hold a portfolio representative of the overall United States bond and debt market, as characterized by the Barclays Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index. This fund may participate in securities lending. Redemptions may be made monthly and require 30-days written notice.
- (b) This fund invests in real estate and real estate joint ventures. Redemptions may be made quarterly and require 90-days written notice. There is no lock-up period; however, withdrawals are limited to available cash held by the fund and may be suspended until such time as adequate liquidity exists to pay the redemption.
- (c) This partnership was organized to invest in three underlying partnership funds that invest in other collective investment funds investing in alternative assets, including primarily U. S. funds that focus on both early and later-stage venture capital investments, investments focused on small, mid-size and large domestic buyout transactions, and investments primarily focusing on non-U. S. buyouts, expansion capital, turnaround, mezzanine and distressed investment partnerships. The partnership will be wound-up upon the dissolution of the last underlying fund to dissolve, or such earlier time as determined by the General Partner, at its sole discretion. No redemptions are allowed from the fund without the prior written consent of the General Partner. Due to the illiquid long-term nature of the

underlying investments, future redemption periods are unknown. The private capital partnership fund has an unfunded commitment of \$524,948 at July 31, 2016.

- (d) This fund seeks to achieve superior absolute returns by investing in event-driven equity securities and defaulted debt among special situations primarily in the small and micro-cap markets. Redemptions may generally be made quarterly upon 30-days written notice, but may be suspended by the fund manager under certain conditions.

Management determines valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors, custodians, and fund managers. Valuation methods used for assets measured at fair value are as follows:

- *Mutual funds* are valued at the published net asset value of shares held at year end.
- *Common stocks* and *master limited partnerships* are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.
- *Fixed-income common collective fund* is valued at net asset values as determined by the issuer or investment manager based on the fair value of the underlying investments.
- *Limited partnership real estate fund* is valued based on the Opera's percentage ownership in the net equity of the partnership fund as determined by the general partner. The significant unobservable inputs to the valuation are the discount rates and capitalization rates used.
- *Limited partnership private capital fund* and *hedge fund* are valued at net asset value as a practical expedient, as provided by the fund manager based on the net asset value of the underlying investments.
- *Beneficial interest in charitable trust* is estimated as the present value of the expected future cash flow payments. Significant unobservable inputs include the risk-adjusted discount rate of 1.46% used at July 31, 2016.

These valuation methods may produce a fair value that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Association believes its valuation methods are appropriate, the use of different methods or assumptions could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Changes in the fair value of Level 3 assets are as follows:

| | PRIVATE CAPITAL FUND | REAL ESTATE FUND | HEDGE FUND | BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN CHARITABLE TRUST | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| Balance at July 31, 2014 | \$ 578,897 | \$ 1,488,324 | \$ 750,613 | \$ 2,279,762 | \$ 5,097,596 |
| Purchases | 162,809 | 1,032,862 | | | 1,195,671 |
| Redemptions and fees | (12,609) | (22,178) | | (186,049) | (220,836) |
| Contributions | | | | 113,155 | 113,155 |
| Unrealized gain | 222,683 | 211,785 | 51,020 | | 485,488 |
| Realized gain | | 3,295 | | | 3,295 |
| Balance at July 31, 2015 | 951,780 | 2,714,088 | 801,633 | 2,206,868 | 6,674,369 |
| Purchases | 245,955 | | | | 245,955 |
| Redemptions and fees | | (111,974) | | (186,059) | (298,033) |
| Interest income | | 123,965 | | | 123,965 |
| Contributions | | | | 151,579 | 151,579 |
| Unrealized gain | 57,593 | 207,738 | 82 | | 265,413 |
| Realized gain | | 2,754 | | | 2,754 |
| Balance at July 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 1,255,328</u> | <u>\$ 2,936,571</u> | <u>\$ 801,715</u> | <u>\$ 2,172,388</u> | <u>\$ 7,166,002</u> |

The amount reported in changes in net assets attributable to unrealized gains related to assets held at year end and measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs is \$265,413 and \$485,488 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. This amount is included in investment return in the accompanying statement of activities.

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY

Property consists of the following:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | \$ 1,966,920 | \$ 1,966,920 |
| Production and music equipment | 883,146 | 883,146 |
| Office furnishings and equipment | 789,725 | 848,795 |
| Vehicles | <u>122,407</u> | <u>122,407</u> |
| Total property, at cost | 3,762,198 | 3,821,268 |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(3,147,495)</u> | <u>(3,015,479)</u> |
| Property, net | <u>\$ 614,703</u> | <u>\$ 805,789</u> |

NOTE 7 – NOTE PAYABLE

The Association has a \$4 million bank line of credit due February 28, 2017, with interest payable monthly at the bank's prime interest rate less 0.50% (3.00% at July 31, 2016 and 2.75% at July 31, 2015). The line of credit is secured by the Endowment investments. Interest expense was \$67,914 and \$27,091 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. The principal balance of \$1,500,000 outstanding at July 31, 2016 is due at maturity in 2017.

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Leases – The Association leases office, storage and rehearsal space, and equipment under noncancellable operating leases. Minimum future lease payments are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 363,676 |
| 2018 | 325,123 |
| 2019 | 312,951 |
| 2020 | <u>61,822</u> |
| Total minimum future lease payments | <u>\$ 1,063,572</u> |

In 1987, the Association entered into a lease on a non-exclusive basis with the City of Houston for the use of the Wortham Center. The initial term of the lease is 30 years and can be renewed for an additional 30-year term. Annual lease payments are \$199,061 each year. The lease can be cancelled with six-months' notice by the Association, and is therefore not included in minimum future lease payments.

Rental expense recognized is \$961,198 in 2016 and \$895,756 in 2015.

Artists' contracts – The Association has compensation contracts with various artists for future performances. If the Association cancels these performances, it may be liable to pay the related artists all or a portion of the agreed compensation. As of July 31, 2016, such contracts with artists require potential future compensation as follows:

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 2017 | \$ 5,641,627 |
| 2018 | 2,075,920 |
| 2019 | 1,493,000 |
| 2020 | <u>657,500</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 9,868,047</u> |

NOTE 9 – UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets consist of the following:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Property, net | \$ 614,703 | \$ 805,789 |
| Board-designated endowment funds | 841,166 | 665,019 |
| Undesignated | <u>(2,690,976)</u> | <u>(2,528,034)</u> |
| Total unrestricted net assets | <u>\$ (1,235,107)</u> | <u>\$ (1,057,226)</u> |

NOTE 10 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Restricted for future opera productions | \$ 18,747,668 | \$ 16,648,206 |
| Accumulated earnings on permanent endowment (<i>Note 11</i>) | 9,053,640 | 12,515,573 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | <u>2,172,388</u> | <u>2,206,868</u> |
| Total temporarily restricted net assets | <u>\$ 29,973,696</u> | <u>\$ 31,370,647</u> |

NOTE 11 – ENDOWMENT

The Board of Directors of the Endowment has interpreted the Texas Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (TUPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Endowment classifies the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment as permanently restricted net assets. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Endowment in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by TUPMIFA. In accordance with TUPMIFA, the Endowment considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Opera and the donor-restricted endowment fund

- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Opera
- The investment policies of the Endowment

Endowment assets include donor-restricted funds that the Endowment must hold in perpetuity, as well as board-designated endowment funds of the Endowment. The Board of Trustees of the Endowment is charged with preserving the corpus of the endowment, growing the total value of the endowment through investments and gifts, and financially supporting the mission and activities of the Opera.

Spending Policy

During fiscal year 2016, the Endowment distributed 4.8% of the average market value of the Endowment's funds under management for the preceding twelve quarters (beginning January 31 of the prior fiscal year and preceding quarters). Additionally, funds are appropriated for administrative costs of the planned giving department. Beginning in fiscal year 2015, the annual distribution rate was reduced from 5% by one-tenth of a percent and will continue to be reduced by 1% each year for five consecutive years until it reaches 4.5% in fiscal year 2019. Excluded from funds under management will be any restricted funds that do not qualify as distributable for the upcoming year and the quasi endowment fund balance, which has a separate purpose and is not included in the calculation. In conjunction with the authorization of the annual distribution, the Board of Trustees of the Endowment will review this policy in light of current and expected market conditions and rate of inflation. Other distributions may be made from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment.

Investment Policy

Endowment funds are maintained in investment accounts which are managed by the Endowment Board of Trustees with oversight provided by an independent financial consultant. Investment decisions follow guidance provided in an investment policy approved by the Board of Trustees of the Endowment. The investment policies attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. The Endowment expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate-of-return of approximately five percentage points more than the rate of inflation. To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Endowment relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Endowment targets a diversified asset allocation that places an emphasis on a blend of equity-based investments and fixed-income investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Loan to Association

The Endowment has established a revolving line of credit with the Association bearing interest at 3.00% in fiscal year 2016 and 2.75% in fiscal year 2015, and is considered a short-term, fixed-income investment within the Endowment portfolio allocation. Interest income of \$19,836 and \$8,240 was recognized by the Endowment in fiscal year 2016 and 2015, respectively. The amount outstanding on the line of credit from the Endowment to the Association was \$2,000,000 at July 31, 2016 and 2015. This amount has been eliminated in consolidation.

Endowment net asset composition as of July 31, 2016:

| | <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> | TEMPORARILY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | PERMANENTLY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Donor-restricted endowment funds: | | | | |
| General operating | | \$ 2,924,822 | \$ 14,840,944 | \$ 17,765,766 |
| Mainstage productions | | 1,823,849 | 9,203,851 | 11,027,700 |
| Studio | | 440,229 | 5,405,529 | 5,845,758 |
| General director chair | | 328,376 | 3,999,347 | 4,327,723 |
| New productions | | 993,161 | 1,507,674 | 2,500,835 |
| Electronic media | | 301,397 | 2,000,000 | 2,301,397 |
| Concert of Arias | | 542,725 | 1,352,218 | 1,894,943 |
| Music director chair | | 471,598 | 1,000,000 | 1,471,598 |
| Fund for Great Artists | | 406,006 | 1,000,000 | 1,406,006 |
| Education | | 339,663 | 1,415,427 | 1,755,090 |
| Concert master chair | | 165,187 | 1,000,000 | 1,165,187 |
| Chorus master chair | | 1,762 | 1,000,000 | 1,001,762 |
| High school voice studio | | 48,843 | 563,100 | 611,943 |
| Patron services | | 7,259 | 590,924 | 598,183 |
| Visiting artist chair | | 121,251 | 300,000 | 421,251 |
| Spring Opera Festival | | 28,777 | 250,000 | 278,777 |
| Studio guest coach chair | | 65,291 | 148,923 | 214,214 |
| Vocal coach chair | | 17,973 | 125,000 | 142,973 |
| Special needs | | 8,272 | 43,550 | 51,822 |
| Wagner opera performances | | <u>17,199</u> | <u>5,850</u> | <u>23,049</u> |
| Total donor-restricted endowment funds | | 9,053,640 | 45,752,337 | 54,805,977 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | 2,172,388 | | 2,172,388 |
| Board-designated endowment funds | <u>\$ 841,166</u> | | | <u>841,166</u> |
| Endowment net assets | <u>\$ 841,166</u> | <u>\$ 11,226,028</u> | <u>\$ 45,752,337</u> | <u>\$ 57,819,531</u> |

Endowment net asset composition as of July 31, 2015:

| | <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> | TEMPORARILY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | PERMANENTLY <u>RESTRICTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Donor-restricted endowment funds: | | | | |
| General operating | | \$ 4,189,622 | \$ 14,061,335 | \$ 18,250,957 |
| Mainstage productions | | 2,680,158 | 9,199,251 | 11,879,409 |
| Studio | | 696,032 | 5,410,008 | 6,106,040 |
| General director chair | | 478,890 | 3,998,195 | 4,477,085 |
| New productions | | 1,187,551 | 1,507,674 | 2,695,225 |
| Electronic media | | 484,976 | 2,000,000 | 2,484,976 |
| Concert of Arias | | 694,013 | 1,352,218 | 2,046,231 |
| Music director chair | | 589,109 | 1,000,000 | 1,589,109 |
| Fund for Great Artists | | 517,222 | 1,000,000 | 1,517,222 |
| Education | | 425,326 | 980,710 | 1,406,036 |
| Concert master chair | | 198,479 | 1,000,000 | 1,198,479 |
| Chorus master chair | | 31,993 | 1,000,000 | 1,031,993 |
| Visiting artist chair | | 154,616 | 300,000 | 454,616 |
| Spring Opera Festival | | 51,032 | 250,000 | 301,032 |
| Studio guest coach chair | | 78,700 | 148,923 | 227,623 |
| Vocal coach chair | | 29,390 | 125,000 | 154,390 |
| Special needs | | 9,429 | 43,550 | 52,979 |
| Wagner opera performances | | <u>19,035</u> | <u>5,850</u> | <u>24,885</u> |
| Total donor-restricted endowment funds | | 12,515,573 | 43,382,714 | 55,898,287 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | | | 2,206,868 |
| Board-designated endowment funds | <u>\$ 665,019</u> | | | <u>665,019</u> |
| Endowment net assets | <u>\$ 665,019</u> | <u>\$ 14,722,441</u> | <u>\$ 43,382,714</u> | <u>\$ 58,770,174</u> |

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or TUPMIFA requires the Endowment to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. Deficiencies of this nature result from unfavorable market fluctuations and are reported in unrestricted net assets as an aggregate deficiency of the fair value of net endowment assets over permanently restricted net assets.

Changes in net assets of the endowment funds are as follows:

| | <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> | <u>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</u> | <u>PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Endowment net assets, July 31, 2014 | \$ 465,528 | \$ 15,302,057 | \$ 40,533,651 | \$ 56,301,236 |
| Contributions | <u>5,925</u> | <u>113,164</u> | <u>2,607,089</u> | <u>2,726,178</u> |
| Investment return: | | | | |
| Interest and dividends | 25,064 | 910,891 | | 935,955 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain | 10,554 | 970,679 | | 981,233 |
| Investment management fees | <u>(3,111)</u> | <u>(262,667)</u> | | <u>(265,778)</u> |
| Net investment return | <u>32,507</u> | <u>1,618,903</u> | | <u>1,651,410</u> |
| Expenses | <u>(14,712)</u> | | | <u>(14,712)</u> |
| Release of time restriction | <u>186,059</u> | <u>(186,059)</u> | | |
| Transfer of special event proceeds | | | <u>241,974</u> | <u>241,974</u> |
| Appropriations for expenditure | <u>(10,288)</u> | <u>(2,125,624)</u> | | <u>(2,135,912)</u> |
| Endowment net assets, July 31, 2015 | <u>665,019</u> | <u>14,722,441</u> | <u>43,382,714</u> | <u>58,770,174</u> |
| Contributions | <u>8,615</u> | <u>151,579</u> | <u>2,369,623</u> | <u>2,529,817</u> |
| Investment return: | | | | |
| Interest and dividends | 30,619 | 1,058,899 | | 1,089,518 |
| Net realized and unrealized loss | (3,473) | (612,659) | | (616,132) |
| Investment management fees | <u>(3,523)</u> | <u>(225,041)</u> | | <u>(228,564)</u> |
| Net investment return | <u>23,623</u> | <u>221,199</u> | | <u>244,822</u> |
| Expenses | <u>(15,025)</u> | | | <u>(15,025)</u> |
| Release of time restriction | <u>186,059</u> | <u>(186,059)</u> | | |
| Appropriations for expenditure | <u>(27,125)</u> | <u>(3,683,132)</u> | | <u>(3,710,257)</u> |
| Endowment net assets, July 31, 2016 | <u>\$ 841,166</u> | <u>\$ 11,226,028</u> | <u>\$ 45,752,337</u> | <u>\$ 57,819,531</u> |

NOTE 12 – CONCENTRATION OF LABOR

The Association has entered into five union contracts, two of which are effective through 2019, two through 2018, and one effective through 2017. Approximately 62% of the Association's employees are members of these unions.

NOTE 13 – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Association has a defined contribution §403(b) retirement plan covering substantially all employees who have completed one year of service. The Association matches 100% of the eligible participating employee's contribution up to 2% of the employee's annual salary. The Association contributed \$85,456 in 2016 and \$93,514 in 2015 to the plan.

NOTE 14 – MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLAN

The Association is a participating employer in a trustee-managed, multiemployer defined benefit pension plan for employees who are covered under the collective bargaining agreement of the Houston

Professional Musicians Association (Local Union #65-699 of the American Federation of Musicians). The plan generally provides retirement benefits to the union as a percentage of wages earned at the Association each pay period. The multiemployer pension plan is managed by a board of trustees with equal representation from the union and employers. Although the Association is not represented on the board of trustees, other contributing employers are members of the board of trustees. Contributions totaling \$154,726 in 2016 and \$132,217 in 2015 were charged to pension expense for ongoing participation in the pension plan. The Association's contributions do not represent more than 5% of the pension plan's total contributions. Additionally, there have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2016 and 2015 contributions.

The risks of participating in the multiemployer defined benefit pension plan are different from single-employer plans because: (a) assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (b) if a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be required to be borne by the remaining participating employers, and (c) if the Association chooses to stop participating in the multiemployer plan, it may be required to pay a withdrawal liability to the plan. In connection with ongoing renegotiation of the collective bargaining agreement, the Association may discuss and negotiate for complete or partial withdrawal from the multiemployer pension plan. Depending on the number of employees withdrawn in any future period and the financial condition of the multiemployer plan at the time of withdrawal, the associated withdrawal liabilities could be material to the Association's change in net assets in the period of the withdrawal. The Association has no plans to withdraw from its multiemployer pension plan.

The following presents information about Association's multiemployer pension plan as of July 31, 2016 and 2015, and the years ended July 31, 2016 and 2015:

| NAME OF PENSION FUND | EIN AND PLAN NUMBER, IF AVAILABLE | PENSION PROTECTION ACT | | FIP/RP STATUS | CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, | | SURCHARGE IMPOSED | EXPIRATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT |
|--|---|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---|-----------|----------------------|---|
| | | ZONE STATUS | | | 2016 | 2015 | | |
| | | 2016 | 2015 | | 2016 | 2015 | | |
| American Federation of Musicians and Employers' Pension Fund | 51-612024 Plan No. 001 | Red 3/31/16 | Red 3/31/17 | Implemented | \$154,726 | \$132,217 | Yes | 8/31/18 |

Due to the plan's "critical" status under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, a rehabilitation plan was adopted on April 15, 2010 requiring an increase in the contribution rate from 10% of scale wages prior to adoption of the rehabilitation plan to a current rate of 10.90% of scale wages at July 31, 2016.

The Association also participates in other multiemployer defined contribution pension and health and welfare plans under various collective bargaining agreements. Total contributions to these plans were approximately \$438,411 in 2016 and \$386,591 in 2015.

NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 12, 2016, which is the date that the financial statements were available for issuance. As a result of this evaluation, no events were identified that are required to be disclosed or would have a material impact on reported net assets or changes in net assets.

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Consolidating Statement of Financial Position as of July 31, 2016

| | ASSOCIATION | | ENDOWMENT | GUILD | ELIMINATIONS | TOTAL |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | OPERATING FUND | PLANT FUND | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 558,452 | | | \$ 1,500 | | \$ 559,952 |
| Accounts receivable | 253,912 | | | | | 253,912 |
| Pledges receivable, net | 20,410,636 | | \$ 986,891 | | | 21,397,527 |
| Deferred production costs and other assets | 2,160,355 | | | 89,735 | | 2,250,090 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | | 2,172,388 | | | 2,172,388 |
| Investments | | | 54,660,252 | | \$ (2,000,000) | 52,660,252 |
| Property, net | | \$ 614,703 | | | | 614,703 |
| Due from affiliates | | | | 47,976 | (47,976) | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 23,383,355 | \$ 614,703 | \$ 57,819,531 | \$ 139,211 | \$ (2,047,976) | \$ 79,908,824 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 184,333 | | | | | \$ 184,333 |
| Accrued salaries and benefit costs | 359,774 | | | | | 359,774 |
| Accrued production expense | 264,852 | | | | | 264,852 |
| Due to affiliates | 47,976 | | | | \$ (47,976) | |
| Deferred subscription revenue | 2,905,523 | | | | | 2,905,523 |
| Deferred co-production and set rental revenue | 203,416 | | | | | 203,416 |
| Note payable | 3,500,000 | | | | (2,000,000) | 1,500,000 |
| Total liabilities | 7,465,874 | | | | (2,047,976) | 5,417,898 |
| Net assets: | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | (2,830,188) | \$ 614,703 | \$ 841,167 | \$ 139,211 | | (1,235,107) |
| Temporarily restricted | 18,747,669 | | 11,226,027 | | | 29,973,696 |
| Permanently restricted | | | 45,752,337 | | | 45,752,337 |
| Total net assets | 15,917,481 | 614,703 | 57,819,531 | 139,211 | | 74,490,926 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 23,383,355 | \$ 614,703 | \$ 57,819,531 | \$ 139,211 | \$ (2,047,976) | \$ 79,908,824 |

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidating Statement of Financial Position as of July 31, 2015

| | ASSOCIATION | | ENDOWMENT | GUILD | ELIMINATIONS | TOTAL |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | OPERATING FUND | PLANT FUND | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 848,712 | | | \$ 1,500 | | \$ 850,212 |
| Accounts receivable | 343,250 | | | | | 343,250 |
| Pledges receivable, net | 17,006,568 | | \$ 1,489,003 | | | 18,495,571 |
| Deferred production costs and other assets | 2,930,399 | | | 77,396 | | 3,007,795 |
| Beneficial interest in charitable trust | | | 2,206,868 | | | 2,206,868 |
| Investments | | | 55,074,303 | | \$ (2,000,000) | 53,074,303 |
| Property, net | | \$ 805,789 | | | | 805,789 |
| Due from affiliates | | | | 46,715 | (46,715) | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 21,128,929 | \$ 805,789 | \$ 58,770,174 | \$ 125,611 | \$ (2,046,715) | \$ 78,783,788 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 168,494 | | | | | \$ 168,494 |
| Accrued salaries and benefit costs | 508,290 | | | | | 508,290 |
| Accrued production expense | 642,945 | | | | | 642,945 |
| Due to affiliates | 46,715 | | | | \$ (46,715) | |
| Deferred subscription revenue | 3,291,954 | | | | | 3,291,954 |
| Deferred co-production and set rental revenue | 175,970 | | | | | 175,970 |
| Note payable | 2,300,000 | | | | (2,000,000) | 300,000 |
| Total liabilities | 7,134,368 | | | | (2,046,715) | 5,087,653 |
| Net assets: | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | (2,653,645) | \$ 805,789 | \$ 665,019 | \$ 125,611 | | (1,057,226) |
| Temporarily restricted | 16,648,206 | | 14,722,441 | | | 31,370,647 |
| Permanently restricted | | | 43,382,714 | | | 43,382,714 |
| Total net assets | 13,994,561 | 805,789 | 58,770,174 | 125,611 | | 73,696,135 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 21,128,929 | \$ 805,789 | \$ 58,770,174 | \$ 125,611 | \$ (2,046,715) | \$ 78,783,788 |

Houston Grand Opera Association, Inc.

Consolidating Statement of Activities for the year ended July 31, 2016

| | ASSOCIATION | | ENDOWMENT | GUILD | ELIMINATIONS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | OPERATING FUND | PLANT FUND | | | | |
| REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 16,344,941 | | \$ 2,529,817 | \$ 24,857 | | \$ 18,899,615 |
| Ticket sales and performance fees | 5,780,942 | | | | | 5,780,942 |
| Special events | 2,597,732 | | | 40,712 | | 2,638,444 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | (437,980) | | | (25,208) | | (463,188) |
| Investment return, net | (888) | | 244,822 | | | 243,934 |
| Production and other income | 732,883 | | | 92,231 | | 825,114 |
| Total revenue | <u>25,017,630</u> | | <u>2,774,639</u> | <u>132,592</u> | | <u>27,924,861</u> |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | |
| Program services | 18,414,025 | \$ 147,642 | | 6,420 | | 18,568,087 |
| Marketing and advertising | 3,181,324 | 95,209 | | 6,364 | | 3,282,897 |
| Fundraising | 3,276,026 | 13,923 | | 60,603 | | 3,350,552 |
| Management and general | 1,884,834 | 20,558 | 15,025 | 8,117 | | 1,928,534 |
| Total expenses | <u>26,756,209</u> | <u>277,332</u> | <u>15,025</u> | <u>81,504</u> | | <u>27,130,070</u> |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (1,738,579) | (277,332) | 2,759,614 | 51,088 | | 794,791 |
| Transfers (to) from affiliates | <u>3,661,499</u> | <u>86,246</u> | <u>(3,710,257)</u> | <u>(37,488)</u> | | |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | 1,922,920 | (191,086) | (950,643) | 13,600 | | 794,791 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | <u>13,994,561</u> | <u>805,789</u> | <u>58,770,174</u> | <u>125,611</u> | | <u>73,696,135</u> |
| Net assets, end of year | <u>\$ 15,917,481</u> | <u>\$ 614,703</u> | <u>\$ 57,819,531</u> | <u>\$ 139,211</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 74,490,926</u> |

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Consolidating Statement of Activities for the year ended July 31, 2015

| | ASSOCIATION | | ENDOWMENT | GUILD | ELIMINATIONS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | OPERATING FUND | PLANT FUND | | | | |
| REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 18,126,274 | | \$ 2,726,178 | \$ 20,544 | | \$ 20,872,996 |
| Ticket sales and performance fees | 6,094,277 | | | | | 6,094,277 |
| Special events | 2,090,240 | | | 68,680 | | 2,158,920 |
| Cost of direct donor benefits | (561,597) | | | (32,095) | | (593,692) |
| Investment return, net | 4,245 | | 1,651,410 | | | 1,655,655 |
| Production and other income | <u>1,008,856</u> | | | <u>112,537</u> | | <u>1,121,393</u> |
| Total revenue | <u>26,762,295</u> | | <u>4,377,588</u> | <u>169,666</u> | | <u>31,309,549</u> |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | |
| Program services | 17,115,752 | \$ 159,500 | | 6,213 | | 17,281,465 |
| Marketing and advertising | 3,111,304 | 21,505 | | 11,095 | | 3,143,904 |
| Fundraising | 3,011,017 | 16,433 | | 121,817 | | 3,149,267 |
| Management and general | <u>1,647,985</u> | <u>27,503</u> | <u>14,712</u> | <u>7,151</u> | | <u>1,697,351</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>24,886,058</u> | <u>224,941</u> | <u>14,712</u> | <u>146,276</u> | | <u>25,271,987</u> |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | 1,876,237 | (224,941) | 4,362,876 | 23,390 | | 6,037,562 |
| Transfers (to) from affiliates | <u>1,765,148</u> | <u>191,780</u> | <u>(1,893,938)</u> | <u>(62,990)</u> | | |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | 3,641,385 | (33,161) | 2,468,938 | (39,600) | | 6,037,562 |
| Net assets, beginning of year | <u>10,353,176</u> | <u>838,950</u> | <u>56,301,236</u> | <u>165,211</u> | | <u>67,658,573</u> |
| Net assets, end of year | <u>\$ 13,994,561</u> | <u>\$ 805,789</u> | <u>\$ 58,770,174</u> | <u>\$ 125,611</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 73,696,135</u> |