# **SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017** 



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Seattle Arts & Lectures Seattle, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Seattle Arts & Lectures (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, 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 Seattle Arts & Lectures as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, 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.

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March 12, 2019

# SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

A CODUTED	2018		 2017
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	946,794	\$ 728,098
Accounts receivable		58,141	28,988
Pledges receivable		212,950	205,785
Prepaid expenses and other assets		58,645	78,994
Property and equipment, net		58,573	 46,805
	\$	1,335,103	\$ 1,088,670
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	61,664	\$ 52,346
Deferred revenue		158,886	196,159
		220,550	248,505
NET ASSETS		,	
Unrestricted		832,690	565,008
Temporarily restricted		281,863	275,157
1		1,114,553	840,165
	\$	1,335,103	\$ 1,088,670

# SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	U	nrestricted	emporarily Restricted	 Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Program service fees				
Public events	\$	1,053,996	\$ -	\$ 1,053,996
Education programs		181,733	_	 181,733
Total program service fees		1,235,729	-	1,235,729
Contributions		409,958	233,274	643,232
Gifts in kind		1,022,139	-	1,022,139
Special events		435,634	-	435,634
Government grants and contracts		42,700	-	42,700
Other		84	-	84
Released from restrictions		226,568	(226,568)	-
Total revenue and support		3,372,812	6,706	3,379,518
EXPENSES				
Program services		1,656,039	_	1,656,039
Management and general		975,549	_	975,549
Fundraising		473,542	-	473,542
Total expenses		3,105,130	_	 3,105,130
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		267,682	6,706	274,388
NET ASSETS				
Beginning of year		565,008	275,157	840,165
End of year	\$	832,690	\$ 281,863	\$ 1,114,553

# SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Program service fees			
Public events	\$ 813,570	\$ -	\$ 813,570
Education programs	199,692	_	199,692
Total program service fees	1,013,262	-	1,013,262
Contributions	351,495	226,657	578,152
Gifts in kind	619,865	_	619,865
Special events	374,946	-	374,946
Government grants and contracts	41,077	26,000	67,077
Other	12	_	12
Released from restrictions	187,095	(187,095)	-
Total revenue and support	2,587,752	65,562	2,653,314
EXPENSES			
Program services	1,395,990	-	1,395,990
Management and general	593,928	-	593,928
Fundraising	344,008	_	344,008
Total expenses	2,333,926		2,333,926
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	253,826	65,562	319,388
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	311,182	209,595	520,777
End of year	\$ 565,008	\$ 275,157	\$ 840,165

## SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	I	Program Services				
	Public			Management	Fund-	
	Programs	Education	Total	and General	raising	Total
Salaries and payroll taxes	\$ 278,637	\$ 114,496	\$ 393,133	\$ 38,233	\$ 185,352	\$ 616,718
Employee benefits	23,549	9,926	33,475	6,521	16,345	56,341
Total payroll expenses	302,186	124,422	426,608	44,754	201,697	673,059
Advertising	11,573	2,046	13,619	-	445	14,064
In kind advertising	-	-	-	878,962	-	878,962
Artists' fees	141,100	254,748	395,848	-	-	395,848
In kind artists' fees	500	22,520	23,020	-	-	23,020
Food and beverage	47,006	3,862	50,868	416	76,607	127,891
In kind food and beverage	7,278	1,688	8,966	-	7,077	16,043
Design and printing	63,089	13,384	76,473	92	14,620	91,185
In kind printing	-	-	-	-	3,150	3,150
Book bundles	158,860	-	158,860	-	-	158,860
Program production	119,276	9,489	128,765	802	11,465	141,032
In kind program production	3,547	450	3,997	-	1,574	5,571
Technology support	41,821	16,689	58,510	6,490	27,815	92,815
Occupancy	14,468	5,787	20,255	2,250	9,645	32,150
Hall rental	89,944	1,989	91,933	194	188	92,315
In kind hall rental	1,000	975	1,975	-	-	1,975
Office and telephone	17,643	6,459	24,102	2,742	10,867	37,711
Credit card and bank fees	34,183	1,933	36,116	301	8,938	45,355
Professional fees	14,149	11,213	25,362	36,683	12,248	74,293
In kind professional fees	-	-	-	-	1,400	1,400
Artists' travel	38,760	255	39,015	-	863	39,878
In kind artists' travel	19,468	-	19,468	-	-	19,468
Depreciation	3,404	1,362	4,766	529	2,269	7,564
Postage and mailing	9,517	1,690	11,207	454	4,130	15,791
Photography	11,360	3,207	14,567	615	3,975	19,157
Staff travel	10,189	8,445	18,634	263	1,140	20,037
In kind auction items	-	-	-	-	72,550	72,550
Program development	964	45	1,009	-	191	1,200
Book purchases	2,010	86	2,096	2	688	2,786
	\$ 1,163,295	\$ 492,744	\$ 1,656,039	\$ 975,549	\$ 473,542	\$ 3,105,130

## SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Program Services									
		Public				Ma	anagement	Fund-		
	P	rograms	E	ducation	Total	an	d General	raising		Total
Salaries and payroll taxes	\$	232,545	\$	131,302	\$ 363,847	\$	40,029	\$ 139,085	\$	542,961
Employee benefits		22,041		12,534	34,575		3,734	13,543		51,852
Total payroll expenses		254,586		143,836	398,422		43,763	152,628		594,813
Advertising		5,991		970	6,961		-	-		6,961
In kind advertising		-		-	-		503,961	-		503,961
Artists' fees		127,600		291,845	419,445		-	50		419,495
In kind artists' fees		-		21,000	21,000		-	-		21,000
Food and beverage		31,180		2,823	34,003		645	59,346		93,994
In kind food and beverage		15,791		1,714	17,505		-	8,222		25,727
Design and printing		40,488		9,291	49,779		1	10,354		60,134
In kind printing		2,334		-	2,334		-	4,200		6,534
Book bundles		100,556		-	100,556		-	-		100,556
Program production		75,498		5,792	81,290		3	8,707		90,001
In kind program production		4,775		2,059	6,834		479	1,656		8,968
Technology support		22,123		11,942	34,065		3,611	12,669		50,345
Occupancy		13,664		7,676	21,340		2,357	8,154		31,851
Hall rental		70,255		9,185	79,440		578	131		80,148
In kind hall rental		-		4,325	4,325		-	500		4,825
Office and telephone		10,089		5,078	15,167		4,042	5,915		25,124
Credit card and bank fees		23,726		1,621	25,347		56	6,895		32,299
Professional fees		5,255		11,831	17,086		33,599	6,877		57,561
Artists' travel		26,884		542	27,426		-	-		27,426
Depreciation		315		177	492		54	188		735
Postage and mailing		9,097		1,668	10,765		434	3,354		14,553
Photography		6,500		2,322	8,822		-	3,450		12,272
In kind photography		-		-	-		-	500		500
Staff travel		3,374		8,411	11,785		343	1,298		13,426
In kind auction items		-		-	-		-	48,350		48,350
Book purchases		1,037		764	 1,801		1	 565		2,367
	\$	851,118	\$	544,872	\$ 1,395,990	\$	593,928	\$ 344,008	\$ 2	2,333,926

# SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES STATESMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Cash received from program fees and other earned income  Cash received from contributions and grants  Cash paid to employees, artists and suppliers	\$ 1,198,540 1,085,248 (2,045,760) 238,028	\$ 1,085,630 935,941 (1,733,698) 287,873
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(19,332)	(46,315)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	218,696	241,558
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Beginning of the year	728,098	486,540
End of the year	\$ 946,794	\$ 728,098
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	2018	2017
Change in net assets	\$ 274,388	\$ 319,388
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	7,564	735
Change in:	,	
Accounts receivable	(29,153)	(5,049)
Pledges receivable	(7,165)	(79,185)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	20,349	(22,003)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,318	1,631
Deferred revenue	(37,273)	72,356
	\$ 238,028	\$ 287,873

## Note 1 – Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Nature of Activities** – Founded in 1987, Seattle Arts & Lectures (the Organization) is a nonprofit organization devoted to championing the literary arts by inspiring and engaging readers and writers of all generations in the greater Puget Sound region. The Organization provides children and adults with opportunities to meet writers and cultural thinkers; to read and reflect upon novels, poems, and other literary works; to encounter new ideas and artistic creations; to develop their own writing; and to engage in meaningful and open discussions about literature, culture and society. These activities are essential to the development of a more creative, thoughtful and democratic society.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Organization sponsored nine major programs:

- <u>Literary Arts Series</u> The Organization's hallmark program, the Literary Arts Series brings to Seattle the leading cultural thinkers and writers of our time. A total of 12,482 people attended the program during the 2017/18 year to listen to and learn from Ron Chernow, Isabel Allende, Jesmyn Ward, Colson Whitehead, Laura Lippman & David Simon, and Viet Thanh Nguyen.
- Writers in the Schools (WITS) For twenty-three years, WITS has matched local, professional creative writers with public schools to inspire students to tell their stories, improve their reading and writing, and explore their imaginations through sequential and innovative creative writing education. In 2017/18 WITS placed Writers-in-Residence in six school districts at 28 public schools and Seattle Children's Hospital to inspire and engage 7,285 young people and classroom teachers.
- <u>Poetry Series</u> The Poetry Series presents established and emerging poets for readings and conversations. In 2017/18 The Poetry Series featured Stephanie Burt, A.E. Stallings, Gregory Orr, Tyehimba Jess, Rachel McKibbens, Javier Zamora, Benjamin Alire Saenz, and Aimee Nezhukumatathil. These events reached 1,488 people.
- Women You Need to Know A three-part series featuring and celebrating women authors, artists, iconoclasts, trouble-makers, and thinkers. Last year's series featured trans activist Janet Mock, local truth-teller Ijeoma Oluo, and New Yorker writer, Ariel Levy. The series reached 1,260 people during the year.
- <u>SAL Presents</u> SAL Presents is a diverse program that brings an evolving roster of artists and prominent thinkers speaking about their latest work, as well as other literary surprises. In 2017/18, events included evenings with Ta-Nehisi Coates, Reza Aslan, Tom Hanks, Daniel Pink, Lidia Bastianich, Questlove, Madeleine Albright, and our annual presentation of The Moth Mainstage. SAL Presents served 10,126 people.
- <u>Hinge</u> Hinge is an occasional series featuring \$10 tickets and books by and for the next generation, from pop culture to social justice. This program is designed to reach new audiences with accessible tickets and relevant topics. Last year's program featured Kevin Young, poet and director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. The series reached 128 people during the year.

## Note 1 – Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- <u>Journalism Series</u> A new three-part series which shines a spotlight on journalism and journalists and the importance of the free press. Created in partnership with National Book Award-winning writer and correspondent Timothy Egan and renowned journalist Sam Howe Verhovek.
- <u>Sherman Alexie Loves</u> This was a three-part series featuring evenings of conversation with authors that Alexie admires, and served 1,100 people in our 2017/18 season. This program featured Nikki Giovanni, Tommy Orange, Terese Marie Mailhot, Jenny Han, and Nicola Yoon.
- Writers in the Summer In 2017/18 the Organization also completed the second and final year of the pilot program, Writers in the Summer, a 2-week summer camp program for elementary, middle and high school students that served 73 campers.

**Basis of Accounting and Presentation** – The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. There were no permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2018 and 2017.

<u>Unrestricted</u> – Net assets which are free of donor-imposed restrictions. Contains all revenues, expenses, gains and losses that are not changes in permanently or temporarily restricted net assets.

<u>Temporarily restricted</u> – Net assets whose use by the Organization is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or that can be fulfilled by actions of the Organization pursuant to those stipulations. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restriction. It is the Organization's policy to recognize restricted contributions in the unrestricted net asset class if the restrictions have been met in the same year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At June 30, 2018 and 2017, cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and savings accounts. The Organization maintains certain cash and cash equivalents in bank accounts that may exceed federally insured limits at times during the year. The Organization has not experienced any losses in these accounts, and management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

## **Note 1 – Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Accounts Receivable – Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts due from school districts for services provided. All account balances are due in less than one year. The Organization provides for losses on accounts receivable using the allowance method. The allowance is based on experience, third-party contracts, and other circumstances, which may affect the Organization's ability to meet their obligations. It is the Organization's policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected. No allowance for uncollectible balances has been established by management based upon the Organization's historical experience in the collection of balances due.

**Pledges Receivable** – Pledges receivable are unconditional promises to give and are recognized as revenues and assets in the period received. Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected in more than one year have not been discounted to the present value of estimated cash flows based on the Organization's determination that the discount would not be material to the financial statements. No allowance for uncollectible pledges has been established by management based upon the Organization's historical experience in the collection of balances due.

**Property and Equipment** – Property and equipment is carried at cost. Donated property and equipment are carried at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. The Organization capitalizes assets if the cost or value at time of donation is \$1,000 or more with a useful life greater than one year. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method, currently over a period of three to seven years.

**Deferred Revenue** – Program service fees received in advance are recognized over the periods to which the fees relate.

**Program Service Fees** – The Organization receives program service fees in the form of ticket sales and handling fees for public program events and school fees and camp registration fees for the education program. These fees are recognized as revenue when the services are performed.

**Contributions** – Contributions (including those received through special events) and certain grants are recorded as increases in unrestricted or temporarily restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of donor or grantor restrictions.

Gifts in Kind – Gifts in kind include donated services, facilities and goods that are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Gifts in kind of donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization.

**Government Contracts** – Revenues from government grants and contracts are recognized when the qualified expense is incurred and are subject to audit and retroactive adjustment made by the funding agencies. The adjustments would be recorded at the time that such amounts can first be reasonably determined, normally upon notification by the government agency. There were no adjustments resulting from government audits during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

## Note 1 – Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Advertising** – The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the audiences it serves. The costs of advertising are expensed when the related program activity occurs. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, advertising expenses are classified as management and general in the statement of functional expenses.

**Expense Allocation** – The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

**Estimates** – Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Income Tax Status** – The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

**Subsequent Events** – Subsequent events were evaluated through March 12, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2 – Pledge Receivable

Pledge receivable consists of the following at June 30:

	 2018	 2017
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 157,950	\$ 205,785
Receivable in one to five years	 55,000	 _
	\$ 212,950	\$ 205,785

## **Note 3 – Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consists of the following at June 30:

	 2018		2017
Computer equipment	\$ 4,272	\$	2,205
Website design	 63,580		134,547
	 67,852		136,752
Less accumulated depreciation	 (9,279)		(89,947)
	\$ 58,573	\$	46,805

## Note 4 – Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are composed of the following restrictions at June 30:

	2018	2017		
Time restriction	\$ 143,434	\$	53,958	
Bridge to 30	35,589		88,199	
Journalism	32,500		15,000	
Literary Arts Series	25,000		10,000	
Poetry Series	20,500		12,500	
Writers in the Schools program	14,840		57,500	
Hinge	10,000		-	
Public Programs Series	-		22,000	
Sherman Series	-		15,000	
WYNK	-		1,000	
	\$ 281,863	\$	275,157	

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose or time restrictions specified by donors as follows during the years ended June 30:

	 2018	 2017
Time restriction satisfied	\$ 55,958	\$ 50,060
Program restriction accomplished	 170,610	137,035
	\$ 226,568	\$ 187,095

#### Note 5 – Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are composed of the following during the years ended June 30:

	 2018	 2017
Donated advertising	\$ 878,962	\$ 503,961
Donated auction items	72,550	48,350
Other donated goods	24,764	41,229
Total donated goods	976,276	593,540
Donated facilities	21,443	4,825
Donated services	24,420	21,500
	\$ 1,022,139	\$ 619,865

Gifts in kind were utilized for the following purposes during the years ended June 30:

	 2018		2017
Program services	\$ 57,426	\$	41,839
Management and general	878,962		510,429
Fundraising	85,751		67,597
	\$ 1,022,139	\$	619,865

Donated advertising for upcoming programs is included in management and general on the statement of functional expenses as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Note 6 – Lease Commitment**

In June 2016, the Organization entered into a non-cancelable operating lease for office space through May 2020. Rent expense under this lease was \$32,150 and \$31,850 during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease during the years ending June 30:

2019		\$ 32,450
2020	_	27,250
		\$ 59,700

## **Note 7 – Related Party Transaction**

A member of the Organization's Board of Directors during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was also the Chief Executive Officer of the Organization's primary printing vendor. This vendor has been providing printing services to the Organization for many years prior to the current year related party transactions. The Organization paid the vendor \$59,218 and \$44,423 for printing during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### Note 8 – Concentration

At the year ended June 30, 2018, 22% of pledges receivable were due from one donor. At the year ended June 30, 2017, 43% of pledges receivable were due from three donors.