

EXTENSION FORMS ATTACHED

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization American Association of Independent Music (A2IM)
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
853 Broadway 1406
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
New York, NY 10003

D Employer identification number
 20 : 3132925

E Telephone number
 (212) 999-6113

G Gross receipts \$ 634,628.00

F Name and address of principal officer Richard Bengloff
 Address is same as above

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (6) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: www.a2im.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation 2005 **M State of legal domicile** NY

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **A2IM is a not-for-profit trade organization serving the independent music community as a unified voice. The organization represents the Independents' interests in the marketplace, in the media, on Capitol Hill, and as part of the global music community with a focus on advocacy, commerce and member services including education. A2IM is headquartered in New York City.**

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

| | | |
|---|----|---|
| 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 9 |
| 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 9 |
| 5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 4 |
| 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 1 |
| 7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | - |
| 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | - |

| | Prior Year | Current Year |
|--|------------|--------------|
| 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 594,479.00 | 630,160.00 |
| 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 79,129.00 | - |
| 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 6,835.00 | 4,468.00 |
| 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 24,330.00 | - |
| 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 704,773.00 | 634,628.00 |
| 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | - | - |
| 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | - | - |
| 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 378,855.00 | 445,032.00 |
| 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | - | - |
| b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) | - | - |
| 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d) | 244,941.00 | 143,585.00 |
| 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 623,796.00 | 608,617.00 |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 80,977.00 | 26,011.00 |

| | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 556,804.00 | 508,657.00 |
| 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 90,531.00 | 16,373.00 |
| 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 466,273.00 | 492,284.00 |

Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: *Richard Bengloff* Date: 5-5-11
RICHARD BENGLOFF, PRESIDENT
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: *Tempesta + Farrell* Date: 5/4/11
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **Tempesta + Farrell P.C.**
420 Lexington Avenue, N.Y. NY 10170
 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): **P00093931**
 EIN: **13-3901505**
 Phone no: **(212) 697-0600**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
A2IM serves the independent music community as a unified voice. A2IM is a not-for-profit corporation operated by and for the benefit of its members promoting sector opportunity and improving business conditions for its combined membership.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Schedule O

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | | ✓ |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? | | ✓ |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | | ✓ |
| 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | ✓ |
| 5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | | ✓ |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> | | ✓ |
| 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> | | ✓ |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> | | ✓ |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> | | ✓ |
| 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | | ✓ |
| 11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> | ✓ | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> • Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> • Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> • Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | | |
| 12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> | | ✓ |
| 12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i> | Yes | No |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | ✓ |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | ✓ |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> | | ✓ |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.</i> | | ✓ |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> | | ✓ |
| 17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> | | ✓ |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | | ✓ |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | ✓ |
| 20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | ✓ |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i> | | ✓ |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i> | | ✓ |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i> | ✓ | |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.</i> | | ✓ |
| 24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | ✓ |
| 24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | ✓ |
| 24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | ✓ |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i> | | ✓ |
| 25b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i> | | ✓ |
| 26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i> | | ✓ |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i> | | ✓ |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) | | |
| 28a a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| 28b b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| 28c c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i> | | ✓ |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i> | | ✓ |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i> | | ✓ |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i> | | ✓ |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i> | | ✓ |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i> | | ✓ |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i> | | ✓ |
| 35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i> | | ✓ |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i> | | ✓ |
| 37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i> | | ✓ |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. | | ✓ |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | ✓ | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return | | |
| 2b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions) | ✓ | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | | ✓ |
| 3b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? | | ✓ |
| 4b | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . | | ✓ |
| 5b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | ✓ |
| 5c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? . | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? | | ✓ |
| 6b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | |
| 7a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? | | |
| 7b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | | |
| 7c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | | |
| 7d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | |
| 7e | Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | |
| 7f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | |
| 7g | For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | | |
| 7h | For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? | | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | |
| 9a | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | |
| 9b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter | | |
| 10a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | | |
| 10b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter | | |
| 11a | Gross income from members or shareholders | | |
| 11b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) | | |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | | |
| 12b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | | |

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body | 9 | |
| 1b | Enter the number of voting members that are independent | 9 | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | ✓ |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? | | ✓ |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | ✓ |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? | | ✓ |
| 6 | Does the organization have members or stockholders? | ✓ | |
| 7a | Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? | ✓ | |
| 7b | Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? | | ✓ |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following | | |
| a | The governing body? | ✓ | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | | ✓ |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O | | ✓ |

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 10a | Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | ✓ |
| b | If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? | | |
| 11 | Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | ✓ | |
| 11A | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 | | |
| 12a | Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | ✓ | |
| b | Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | ✓ | |
| c | Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done | ✓ | |
| 13 | Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | | ✓ |
| 14 | Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | ✓ | |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | ✓ | |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions) | ✓ | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | ✓ |
| b | If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **New York**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **Sheryl Cohen, 853 Broadway, Suite 1406, New York, NY 10003 (212) 999-6113 x3**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

| | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514 |
|---|--|----------------------|--|---|---|
| Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b 592,312.00 | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions). | 1e 0 | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f 37,848.00 | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 630,160.00 | | |
| | | | Business Code | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a | | | | |
| | b | | | | |
| | c | | | | |
| | d | | | | |
| | e | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 4,468.00 | | 4,468.00 |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | |
| | | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | |
| | 6a Gross Rents | | | | |
| | b Less rental expenses | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | |
| | b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | |
| | b Less direct expenses | b | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | |
| | b Less direct expenses | b | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | |
| b Less cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | |
| 11a | | | | | |
| b | | | | | |
| c | | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions | | 634,628.00 | | | 4,468.00 |

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

| <i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i> | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 296,500.00 | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | 0 | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 92,690.00 | | | |
| 8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | 25,782.00 | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 30,060.00 | | | |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a Management | 8,538.00 | | | |
| b Legal | 1,672.00 | | | |
| c Accounting | | | | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other | 36,926.00 | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 1,438.00 | | | |
| 14 Information technology | 6,753.00 | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 37,586.00 | | | |
| 17 Travel | 14,043.00 | | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 37,466.00 | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 1,302.00 | | | |
| 23 Insurance | 2,155.00 | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below) | | | | |
| a Dues & Subscriptions | 3,425.00 | | | |
| b Meals & Entertainment | 2,209.00 | | | |
| c Gifts | 72.00 | | | |
| d | | | | |
| e Bad Debt | 10,000.00 | | | |
| f All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 608,617.00 | | | |
| 26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | 11,854.00 | 1 | 11,473.00 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 493,018.00 | 2 | 473,790.00 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 47,402.00 | 4 | 17,695.00 |
| | 5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 500.00 | 9 | 1,253.00 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 6,330.00 | | |
| | b Less. accumulated depreciation | 10b 5,084.00 | 1,130.00 | 10c 1,246.00 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 | 2,900.00 | 15 | 3,200.00 |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 556,804.00 | 16 | 508,657.00 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 33,781.00 | 17 | 8,873.00 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 56,750.00 | 19 | 7,500.00 |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 90,531.00 | 26 | 16,373.00 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | |
| | 27 Unrestricted net assets | 466,273.00 | 27 | 492,284.00 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | |
| | 29 Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | |
| | 30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| 33 Total net assets or fund balances | 466,273.00 | 33 | 492,284.00 | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 556,804.00 | 34 | 508,657.00 | |

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

| | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
| | | |
| 2a | | ✓ |
| 2b | | ✓ |
| 2c | | ✓ |
| | | |
| 3a | | ✓ |
| 3b | | |

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of organization

Employer identification number

American Association of Independent Music (A2IM)

20 3132925

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

| (a) Name | (b) Address | (c) EIN | (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0- | (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0- |
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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
 B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

| Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) | | (a) Filing organization's totals | (b) Affiliated group totals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Other exempt purpose expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | Not over \$500,000 | 20% of the amount on line 1e | Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 | Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 | Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 | Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | | |
| If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not over \$500,000 | 20% of the amount on line 1e | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

| Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2006 | (b) 2007 | (c) 2008 | (d) 2009 | (e) Total |
| 2a Lobbying nontaxable amount | | | | | |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e)) | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | | | | | |
| d Grassroots nontaxable amount | | | | | |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | | |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | | | | | |

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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|---|---|
| Name of the organization American Association of Independent Music (A2IM) | Employer identification number 20 : 3132925 |
|---|---|

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |
| 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

| | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 | 2d |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table
- | | Amount |
|----|--------|
| 1c | |
| 1d | |
| 1e | |
| 1f | |
- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ %
 - c Term endowment ▶ %
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | |
| (ii) related organizations | | |
- b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No
- 3b Yes No
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of investment | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 6330.00 | 5084.00 | 1246.00 |
| e Other | | | | |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) | | | | 1246.00 |

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

American Association of Independent Music (A2IM)

Employer identification number

20 : 3132925

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

| | Yes | No | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table> | <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees | <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p> <p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p> <p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4a | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 4b | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 4c | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5a | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5b | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6a | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6b | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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| Name of the organization American Association of Independent Music ("A2IM") | Employer identification number 20 3132925 |
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Part III, Section 4a - Organization's primary exempt purpose/mission:

Membership organization for Independent music labels that seeks fairness, equity and transparency for Independent music labels via:

1) Business Opportunity/Fair Trade. To ensure that Independent Music Labels have the opportunity to participate in commerce on terms commensurate to those received by others in the marketplace via improved access to new digital platforms.

2) Legislative, including grassroots and national advocacy on industry issues including legislation and governmental rulings that are in the best interest of Independent artists and labels.

3) Member services including education and representation at major functions in the United States and around the world.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6: A2IM does not have stockholders but is governed by a 9 member Board of Directors elected annually on staggered three year terms by the A2IM music label members.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11: A2IM management sends the form 990 to the finance committee and full board prior to filing. A copy of the filed 990 will be provided to the full board.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12C: A2IM by-laws require the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.

There is a written A2IM conflict of interest policy highlighting potential conflicts and how board members should respond should they arise plus each member of the A2IM Board of Directors and officers complete an annual questionnaire that asks if there have been any conflicts of interest in the reporting year.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15: The A2IM Finance Committee reviews all salary increases prior to their inclusion in the A2IM budget which the full A2IM Board approves and the budget detail includes the payroll by person.

Part VI, Section C: Disclosure Question 19:

All governing, conflict of interest policy, financial statements and the form 990 are available to all A2IM members by appointment at A2IM offices: 853 Broadway, Suite 1406, New York, NY 10001

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Form **8868**

(Rev. April 2009)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form). **Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

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| Type or print | Name of Exempt Organization AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MUSIC, INC. | Employer identification number 20-3132925 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 853 BROADWAY - SUITE 1406 | |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. NEW YORK, NY 10003-4703 | |

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of ► RICHARD BENGLOFF

Telephone No ► 212-999-6113 FAX No ► _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until FEBRUARY 15, 2011, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for.

► calendar year _____ or
► tax year beginning JULY 1, 2009, and ending JUNE 30, 2010

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

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| 3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions | 3a | \$ | 0 |
| b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit | 3b | \$ | 0 |
| c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions | 3c | \$ | |

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

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- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II and check this box **X**
Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

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| Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions. | Name of Exempt Organization AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MUSIC, INC. | Employer Identification number 20-3132925 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 853 BROADWAY - SUITE 1406 | For IRS use only |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. NEW YORK, NY 10003-4703 | |

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 | |

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of **RICHARD BENGLOFF**
 Telephone No. **212-999-6113** FAX No. _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box . . . and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2011**
- For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **JULY 1, 2009**, and ending **JUNE 30, 2010**
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason. Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- State in detail why you need the extension **CERTAIN INFORMATION NEEDED PRIMARILY FROM THIRD PARTIES IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE. THEREFORE, A COMPLETE TAX RETURN CANNOT BE FILED AT THIS TIME.**

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| 8a | If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. | \$ | 0 |
| 8b | If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868. | \$ | 0 |
| 8c | Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | \$ | |

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature **A. Tempista** Title **ACCOUNTANT** Date **2-14-11**