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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

2017

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning October 1, 2017, and ending September 30, 20 18

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Building Leaders Using Music Education in Haiti, Inc.		D Employer identification number 80-0784576
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1028 E. Greentree Ct.		E Telephone number 920-809-8674
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Appleton, WI 54915		F Group Exemption Number ▶

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

I Website: ▶ www.blumehaiti.org

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

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **56,966**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

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

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	55,289				
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0				
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0				
4	Investment income	4	20				
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0				
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0				
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0				
6	Gaming and fundraising events						
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0				
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	1,657				
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	231				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	1,426				
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	56,735				
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	34,515				
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0				
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0				
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	0				
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0				
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	188				
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	6,525				
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	41,228				
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	15,507				
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	26,903				
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0				
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	42,410				

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

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	26,903	22 42,410
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	26,903	25 42,410
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	26,903	27 42,410

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? To aid music programs and musicians in Haiti

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

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

28 We provided 100 scholarships for students to attend summer music camps in Haiti, and provided scholarships for 19 luthiers to pay tuition. (Grants \$ 10,202) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a	10,202
29 We provided grants to 3 different music schools throughout the country of Haiti to be used for teacher salary support. This allows the schools to supplement teacher salaries in schools where most students cannot afford to pay tuition. (Grants \$ 8,299) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29a	8,299
30 The second National Orchestra Institute was March 26 through April 1 and was co-sponsored by members of the Utah Symphony and Blume Haiti. This involved musicians from the Utah Symphony coming to Haiti to teach and perform with musicians from all across Haiti. (Grants \$ 7,535) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30a	7,535
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ 8,479) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31a	8,479
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	34,515

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

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Janet Anthony, President	20	0	0	0
Lindsay Schwartz, Treasurer	10	0	0	0
Jordan King, Secretary	5	0	0	0
Keith Johnston, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Jethro Celestin, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Meret Bitticks, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Scott Harrison, Board Member	5	0	0	0
Jacques Anderson Bernier, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Oriel Romano, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Ricardo Lesperence, Board Member	3	0	0	0
Michee Lachaud, Board Member	1	0	0	0
Nick Keelan, Board Member	1	0	0	0

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form with questions 33-45b and Yes/No columns. Includes handwritten entries like 'Wisconsin', 'Lindsay Schwartz', '248-229-9727', and '119 14th Street N, Fargo ND'.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49b		

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 7

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 7

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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

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

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ 0

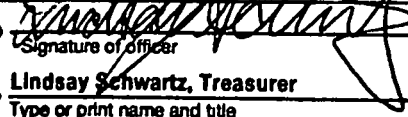
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

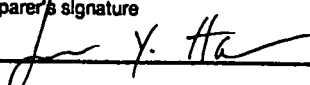
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ 0

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

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  2/10/19
 Signature of officer Date
 Lindsay Schwartz, Treasurer
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Jessica Y. Harrison	Preparer's signature 	Date 2/19/19	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01480733
	Firm's name ▶ Scholz Nonprofit Law LLC	Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1778304			
	Firm's address ▶ 612 West Main Street, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53703	Phone no. 608-268-0076			

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Building Leaders Using Music Education in Haiti, Inc.

80-0784576

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	9001	39,567	35,701	58,975	55,289	198,533
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	9001	39,567	35,701	58,975	55,289	198,533
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						26,901
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						171,632

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	9001	39,567	35,701	58,975	55,289	198,533
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	23	17	48	44	20	152
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						198,685
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)				12		0
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	86.4 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	na %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization

Building Leaders Using Music Education in Haiti, Inc.

Employer identification number

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Part I, Line 10: Grants paid

Scholarships for summer camps in Haiti \$10,202

Music teacher salaries in Haiti \$ 8299

National Orchestra Institute \$7535

Travel for study in US for Haitian music students \$3003

School requests \$5476

TOTAL GRANTS PAID \$34,515

Part I, Line 16: Other expenses

Program expense: Music purchases \$1431

Program expense: Shipping to Haiti \$1283

Program expense: Shipping to volunteers \$146

Program expense: Emergency funds \$1053

Insurance \$1680

Quickbooks \$50

Website \$248

Miscellaneous \$634

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES \$6525

Part III Line 31. Other Major Program Service Expenses:

We provide specific grants to schools who request items or monetary support throughout the year. We have given money for schools to buy chairs for their students, ordered music stands shipped to schools, and ordered strings and sheet music brought to the schools via volunteers in the summer. \$5476

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We provide travel reimbursement for students to travel to the U.S. to study music. \$3003

Part IV: List of Directors, continued

Sarah Davies Breen, Board member. 1 hr/week, 0 compensation

Rachel Cohen, Board member. 1 hr/week, 0 compensation