

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

NEBRASKA CULTURAL ENDOWMENT

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Nebraska Cultural Endowment

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Nebraska Cultural Endowment

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Nebraska Cultural Endowment (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of support, revenue, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the year 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 the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note A; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 of 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 assets, liabilities, and net assets of Nebraska Cultural Endowment as of December 31, 2017, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note A.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Nebraska Cultural Endowment's 2016 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated April 28, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of trust fund investments - modified cash basis on page 18 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Omaha, Nebraska
April 18, 2018

Nebraska Cultural Endowment
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
December 31, 2017
(With comparative totals as of December 31, 2016)

	2017			2016	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,388	\$ 1,515	\$ -	\$ 64,903	\$ 50,622
Investments					
Trust fund investments (Note B)	233,041	5,050,335	5,638,688	10,922,064	9,435,774
Other	101,681	-	-	101,681	96,447
Total assets	\$ 398,110	\$ 5,051,850	\$ 5,638,688	\$ 11,088,648	\$ 9,582,843
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Annuity Obligations (Note C)	\$ 74,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,349	\$ 76,456
Net assets					
Unrestricted, undesignated	95,480	-	-	95,480	73,856
Unrestricted, board-designated	228,281	-	-	228,281	-
Temporarily restricted (Note D)	-	5,051,850	-	5,051,850	3,976,646
Permanently restricted (Note F)	-	-	5,638,688	5,638,688	5,455,885
Total net assets	323,761	5,051,850	5,638,688	11,014,299	9,506,387
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 398,110	\$ 5,051,850	\$ 5,638,688	\$ 11,088,648	\$ 9,582,843

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Nebraska Cultural Endowment
 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 Year Ended December 31, 2017
 (With comparative totals as of December 31, 2016)

	2017			2016	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
Support and revenue					
Contributions by the public	\$ 249,691	\$ 150,000	\$ 182,803	\$ 582,494	\$ 680,584
Nebraska Arts Council	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund	-	706,283	-	706,283	533,734
Humanities Nebraska	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
Investment return	23,647	1,504,689	-	1,528,336	564,030
Net assets released from restrictions	1,285,768	(1,285,768)	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>1,567,106</u>	<u>1,075,204</u>	<u>182,803</u>	<u>2,825,113</u>	<u>1,786,348</u>
Expenses					
Program services	1,157,833	-	-	1,157,833	966,577
Management and general	54,573	-	-	54,573	46,233
Fund raising	100,060	-	-	100,060	108,988
Total expense	<u>1,312,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,312,466</u>	<u>1,121,798</u>
Change in net assets from operations	254,640	1,075,204	182,803	1,512,647	664,550
Nonoperating expense					
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(4,735)	-	-	(4,735)	(7,633)
Change in net assets	249,905	1,075,204	182,803	1,507,912	656,917
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>73,856</u>	<u>3,976,646</u>	<u>5,455,885</u>	<u>9,506,387</u>	<u>8,849,470</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 323,761</u>	<u>\$ 5,051,850</u>	<u>\$ 5,638,688</u>	<u>\$ 11,014,299</u>	<u>\$ 9,506,387</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Nebraska Cultural Endowment
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended December 31, 2017
(With comparative totals as of December 31, 2016)

	2017			2016	
	Program Services	Management and General	Fund Raising	Total	Total
Salaries and related expense	\$ 12,640	\$ 31,226	\$ 57,254	\$ 101,120	\$ 96,981
Dues and subscriptions	220	543	996	1,759	2,340
Insurance	364	899	1,648	2,911	2,967
Marketing expense	1,741	4,301	7,866	13,928	6,033
Miscellaneous	94	232	425	751	2,180
Postage and delivery	251	620	1,137	2,008	1,322
Printing	447	1,106	2,027	3,580	3,598
Professional fees	4,713	11,643	21,347	37,703	41,453
Rent	393	970	1,780	3,143	3,105
Supplies	552	1,363	2,499	4,414	5,389
Telephone	191	472	865	1,528	1,333
Travel and entertainment	485	1,198	2,196	3,879	5,042
Trust fund disbursements					
CPEF - Nebraska Arts Council	494,398	-	-	494,398	373,614
CPEF - Humanities Nebraska	211,885	-	-	211,885	160,120
Nebraska Arts Council	119,488	-	-	119,488	111,179
Humanities Nebraska	134,074	-	-	134,074	137,741
Holland Fund	68,891	-	-	68,891	66,170
John W. Carson Donor-Advised Fund	56,800	-	-	56,800	57,093
Omaha Symphony Association Fund	50,206	-	-	50,206	42,919
Thomas C. Woods, III Governor's Art Award Fund	-	-	-	-	1,219
Total	\$ 1,157,833	\$ 54,573	\$ 100,060	\$ 1,312,466	\$ 1,121,798

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Nebraska Cultural Endowment
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
December 31, 2017

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies of the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

1. **Nature of the Organization.** The Nebraska Cultural Endowment, a non-profit 501(c)(3), is a partnership between the Nebraska Arts Council and Humanities Nebraska created to support the arts and humanities in Nebraska. The governing body of the Cultural Endowment is a statewide twenty (20) member board of directors.

Since 1998, the Nebraska Legislature has appropriated \$10 million dollars to create and build the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund (CPEF) to stabilize funding for the arts and humanities in Nebraska through Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Arts Council. Income from the CPEF is available for distribution to Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Arts Council when matched by private contributions. The Nebraska Cultural Endowment was created to raise the private match to access the income from and to facilitate the increases in the public fund, the CPEF.

The Nebraska Legislature has appropriated an additional \$5 million dollars to the CPEF through 2028, provided the Cultural Endowment match the increase with private contributions. At December 31, 2017, the Cultural Endowment has matched approximately \$400,000 of the scheduled \$5 million dollar increase in the CPEF.

Humanities Nebraska

The Humanities Nebraska (HN), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is funded through a combination of federal grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, private donations from individuals, foundations, and businesses, an appropriation from the State of Nebraska, and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Humanities Nebraska creates and supports thought-provoking opportunities for Nebraskans to learn, think and explore our shared history and culture to inspire a better future. HN is served by dedicated volunteers on two boards: the Nebraska Humanities Council (20 members) and the Nebraska Foundation for the Humanities (24 members, one-third of whom are Council members), which raises funds and advocates for HN's programming. HN reaches 350,000 Nebraskans a year by providing Grants, Speakers Bureau programs to schools and other organizations, family reading programs in libraries and schools, Chautauqua programs, touring museum exhibitions, and many other humanities-based programs that reach communities of all sizes and people from all walks of life.

The Nebraska Arts Council

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) was established in 1974 by the Nebraska Legislature and is governed by a board of fifteen Nebraska citizens appointed by the Governor. NAC is funded by the State of Nebraska, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. The Nebraska Arts Council's mission is to promote, cultivate, and sustain the arts for the people of Nebraska.

The Nebraska Arts Council's primary means of supporting the arts is through a variety of grant programs that cover all disciplines and fields of creative expression. Over 350 artists, art organizations, schools and community groups use NAC funds and technical support to carry out a variety of art experiences statewide.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

2. Basis of Presentation. The Organization reports information regarding its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues and expenses according to the following three classes of net assets:
- a. Unrestricted net assets include those net assets whose use is not restricted by donors, even though their use may be limited in other respects, such as, by contract or by board designation.
 - b. Temporarily restricted net assets are those net assets whose use by the Organization has been limited by donors to later periods of time or after specified dates or to specified purposes.
 - c. Permanently restricted net assets are those net assets whose use by the Organization has donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate resources be maintained permanently but permits the Organization to use up or expend part or all of the income (or economic benefits derived) from the donated net assets.

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, from which the summarized information was derived.

3. Basis of Accounting. The Organization's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned or pledged, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. The Organization has recorded investments and annuity obligations on the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis rather than recognizing their activity as cash receipts and disbursements on the statement of support, revenue, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis.
4. Contributions. Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Gifts of cash and other assets are reported as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of assets. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

5. Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Nebraska Cultural Endowment
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents. The Organization defines its cash and cash equivalents to include only cash on hand and demand deposits with original maturities of three months or less.
7. Investments. The Nebraska Cultural Endowment carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the statement of support, revenue, expenses, and change in net assets – modified cash basis.
8. Expense Allocation. Expenses are charged to program and supporting services on the basis of periodic time and expense studies. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not identifiable with any other specific function, but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.
9. Income Taxes. The Nebraska Cultural Endowment is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in these financial statements. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation by the Internal Revenue Service.

As of December 31, 2017, the Organization had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, de-recognition, or disclosure. The Organization's Form 990 is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years.

10. Concentration of Credit Risk. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. Cash balances were fully insured at December 31, 2017.

Revenue from the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund accounted for 25% of the Organization's total support and revenue.

11. Subsequent Events. Management evaluated all activity of the Nebraska Cultural Endowment through April 18, 2018 (the date the financial statements are available for issuance) and concluded that no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the audited financial statements or disclosure in the related notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE B – INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair values and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) at December 31, 2017 are summarized as follows.

	Cost	Fair Value	Appreciation
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,309	\$ 67,309	\$ -
Equity index funds	767,222	1,552,113	784,891
Mutual funds - equity	4,350,320	5,869,604	1,519,284
Mutual funds - fixed income	3,343,089	3,433,038	89,949
Total	<u>\$ 8,527,940</u>	<u>\$ 10,922,064</u>	<u>\$ 2,394,124</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of support, revenue, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Interest and dividend income	\$ 277,959
Net realized gains	459,265
Net unrealized gains	826,796
Advisory fee	(35,684)
Total	<u>\$ 1,528,336</u>

NOTE C - ANNUITY OBLIGATIONS

Under the Organization's charitable gift annuities program, liabilities are recorded for the present value of the estimated future payments expected to be made to the donors or other life beneficiaries, or both. Upon termination of a life interest, the share of the corpus attributable to the life interest holder becomes available to the Organization. Changes in the life expectancy of the donor or beneficiary, amortization of the discount, and other changes in the estimates of future payments are recognized annually by the Organization based on actuarially determined valuations. The discount rate used to value split-interest agreements at December 31, 2017, range from 3.8 percent to 5.8 percent.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE D - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the accumulative earnings of the permanently restricted endowment that have not been disbursed and gifts temporarily restricted for a specific purpose. Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

Nebraska Arts Council - Education Fund	43,013
Nebraska Humanities Council - Education Fund	100,653
Nebraska Arts Council for Omaha Symphony Association	1,116,077
Nebraska Arts Council for Opera Omaha and Omaha Symphony Association	1,532,342
Nebraska Arts Council and Humanities Nebraska endowment earnings	2,258,250
Designated for Governor's Art Awards	1,515
	<u>\$ 5,051,850</u>

NOTE E - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the purpose restrictions specified by donors as follows:

CPEF - Nebraska Arts Council	\$ 494,398
CPEF - Humanities Nebraska	211,885
Opera Omaha and Omaha Symphony Association	68,891
Omaha Symphony Association Fund	50,206
Nebraska Arts Council and Humanities Nebraska endowment earnings:	
Nebraska Arts Council fund disbursements	119,488
Humanities Nebraska fund disbursements	134,074
John W. Carson Donor-Advised Fund disbursements	56,800
Operating support	150,026
	<u>\$ 1,285,768</u>

NOTE F - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consist of matching funds raised for an endowment under Nebraska Legislative Bills 799, 1165, and 316 to support the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Humanities Council. The Organization has permanently restricted net assets for the following purposes:

Nebraska Arts Council and Humanities Nebraska support	\$ 4,609,338
John W. Carson Donor-Advised Fund	1,000,000
Thomas C. Woods III Governor's Arts Award Fund	29,350
	<u>\$ 5,638,688</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE G - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Organization reports its fair value measures using a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy, established by GAAP, requires that entities maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets to which the organization has access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active;
- observable inputs other than quoted prices for the asset or liability (for example, interest rates and yield curves); and
- inputs derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or by other means.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs should be used to measure the fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available.

When available, the Organization measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. The primary use of fair value measures in the Organization's financial statements is:

- recurring measurement of investments

The Organization used the following method and significant assumption to estimate fair value:

Money market funds: Determined by the published net asset value per unit at the end of the last trading day of the year, which is the basis for transactions at that date.

Equity securities traded on national securities exchanges: Determined by the closing price on the last business day of the fiscal year.

Open-end mutual funds: Determined by the published net asset value per unit at the end of the last trading day of the fiscal year, which is the basis for transactions at that date.

Cash surrender value of life insurance: Determined by the cash surrender value provided by the insurance carrier.

Annuity obligations: Determined by the present value of expected future payments based on life expectancy of the annuitant.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE G - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2017 Using:			
	12/31/2017	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Investments				
Money Market Funds	\$ 69,120	\$ 69,120	\$ -	\$ -
Equity index funds				
Small Cap	439,174	439,174	-	-
Mid Cap	444,897	444,897	-	-
Large Cap	668,041	668,041	-	-
Mutual funds - equity				
Small Cap	4,292	4,292	-	-
Mid Cap	5,637	5,637	-	-
Large Cap	3,360,126	3,360,126	-	-
Foreign	2,169,184	2,169,184	-	-
Real Estate	648,029	648,029	-	-
Mutual funds - fixed income				
Global Bonds	430,762	430,762	-	-
Domestic Bonds	2,775,537	2,775,537	-	-
Total investments	11,014,799	11,014,799	-	-
Cash surrender value of life insurance	8,946	-	-	8,946
Total assets	\$ 11,023,745	\$ 11,014,799	\$ -	\$ 8,946
Liabilities:				
Annuity obligations	\$ 74,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,349

Following is a summary of activity related to the cash surrender value of life insurance for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 8,178
Increase in cash surrender value	768
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$ 8,946

NOTE H - RELATED PARTIES

The Organization has common board members with the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC), Nebraska Arts Council Development Corporation (NACDC) and the Humanities Nebraska (HN). During the year, the Organization paid NAC and NHC \$613,886 and \$345,959, respectively and received \$4,000 and \$4,000 from NAC and HN, respectively.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE I - ENDOWMENT

The Organization's endowment includes donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. However, the specific purpose of these assets is to provide distributions to the Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Arts Council, Opera Omaha, Inc., and the Omaha Symphony Association, as well as to afford some portion of the Organization's annual administrative expenses, all while preserving the real purchasing power of the corpus.

The Organization has established six endowment funds. A description and the purpose of each fund are as follows:

Nebraska Cultural Endowment Fund - The Nebraska Cultural Endowment Fund was created to raise a matching private endowment and distribute the annual income, public and private, exclusively to the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Humanities Council.

Arts and Humanities Education Fund - The Arts and Humanities Education Fund was established specifically to segregate monies for arts-in-education and humanities-in-education programs and projects. Three named funds have been established honoring their commitments to philanthropy and their respective contributions to Nebraska. In 2002, the D.B. "Woody" Varner Fund and the Thomas C. "Chip" Woods Fund were established by the Cooper Foundation, and the E.N. "Jack" Thompson Fund was established by the Woods Charitable Fund.

Holland Fund - The Holland Fund was created to support Opera Omaha, Inc. and the Omaha Symphony Association.

Omaha Symphony Association Fund - The Omaha Symphony Association Fund was established to support the Omaha Symphony Association.

John W. Carson Donor-Advised Fund - The John W. Carson Donor Advised Fund was established to support the programs and projects of the Nebraska Arts Council and/or the Nebraska Humanities Council.

Thomas C. Woods III Governor's Arts Awards Fund - The Thomas C. Woods III Governor's Arts Award Fund was established to support the artist's commission for awards at the Nebraska Arts Council's Arts Award Ceremony.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
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NOTE I – ENDOWMENT – CONTINUED

1. The duration and preservation of the endowment fund,
2. The purpose of the institution and the endowment fund,
3. General economic conditions,
4. The possible effect of inflation or deflation,
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments,
6. Other resources of the institution, and
7. The investment policy of the institution.

Endowment Activity

The Organization's endowment had the following activity as of December 31, 2017:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the Year Ended December 31, 2017			
Endowments net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 3,976,646	\$ 5,455,885
Investment return:			
Investment income	3,336	271,482	-
Investment fees	(198)	(34,480)	-
Net realized gains	567	455,366	-
Net unrealized gains	7,582	812,321	-
Total investment return	11,287	1,504,689	-
Contributions	216,994	-	182,803
Appropriations of endowment assets for expenditures	-	(431,000)	-
Endowments net assets, end of year	\$ 228,281	\$ 5,050,335	\$ 5,638,688

**Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund
as of December 31, 2017**

Unrestricted, board-designated endowment funds	\$ 228,281	\$ -	\$ -
Donor-restricted endowment funds	-	5,050,335	5,638,688
	\$ 228,281	\$ 5,050,335	\$ 5,638,688

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS - CONTINUED
December 31, 2017

NOTE I – ENDOWMENT – CONTINUED

**Description of Amounts Classified as Permanently Restricted Net Assets
and Temporarily Net Assets (Endowment Only)**

Permanently Restricted Net Assets

The portion of perpetual endowment funds that is required to be retained permanently either by explicit donor stipulation or NUPMIFA

Total endowment funds classified as permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$5,638,688</u>
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	
Term endowment funds	<u>\$5,050,335</u>

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or NUPMIFA requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There were no such deficiencies as of December 31, 2017.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Organization's investment objectives have been established in conjunction with a comprehensive review of current and projected financial requirements. The investment objectives are:

- To manage the portfolio assets consistent with the Organization's mission and prudent investor guidelines.
- To preserve the purchasing power of the corpus.
- To provide a growing stream of income to be made available per the Organization's distribution and spending policy.
- Maximize the portfolio's return within reasonable and prudent levels of risk.
- Maintain an appropriate asset allocation based on a long-term total return strategy that is compatible with the Organization's distribution and spending policy.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

The desired investment objective is a long-term rate of return on assets and is approximately 8.0%. To satisfy its long-term rate objectives, the Organization relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Organization targets a composition of endowment assets as follows:

Equities	64%
Alternatives	6%
Fixed Income	30%

The percentage allocation to each asset class may vary depending upon market conditions.

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Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The earnings on the permanently restricted net assets are released from restricted funds and are used in accordance with donor stipulations. The amount of distribution from endowment funds is at the Board of Directors discretion and may not exceed 5% of the endowment's most recent three year average portfolio value less general cash donations received in the previous calendar year. The Holland Fund and the Omaha Symphony Association Fund shall distribute 5% of the net assets in the funds on the first day of each calendar year. The Organization may annually allocate up to 2.5% of the total three year average portfolio value to cover the administrative expenses of the endowment. This is consistent with the Organization's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term, as well as, to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
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Restricted funds for Nebraska Arts Council	\$ 3,206,938
Contributions by the public	
Arts/Humanities Education Fund	
In honor of Chip Woods	22,062
In honor of Woody Varner	22,062
Nebraskans for Public Television	64,537
ASL Interpretation	97,747
Total restricted funds for the Nebraska Arts Council	3,413,346
 Restricted funds for the Humanities Nebraska	
Contributions by the public	2,456,333
Federal NEH Challenge Grant	721,790
Donor restricted	18,722
Arts/Humanities Education Fund	
Arts and Humanities Education	14,341
In honor of Chip Woods	20,951
In honor of Jack Thompson	57,640
In honor of Woody Varner	20,951
Total restricted funds for the Humanities Nebraska	3,310,728
 Restricted funds for other uses	
Restricted for Omaha Symphony Association	1,116,077
Restricted for Opera Omaha and Omaha Symphony Association	1,532,342
Restricted for the Governor's Arts Awards	36,778
	2,685,197
 Donor advised fund	
John W. Carson Donor-Advised Fund	1,284,512
 Unrestricted, board-designated fund	228,281
	228,281
 Total Trust Fund Investments	\$ 10,922,064