

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2015**  
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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/15, and ending 06/30/16**

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| <b>B</b> Check if applicable:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Name change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | <b>C Name of organization</b> <b>Skagit Valley Symphony</b><br><b>Symphony</b><br>Doing business as<br>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>P.O BOX 1302</b><br>Room/suite<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code<br><b>Mount Vernon WA 98273</b> | <b>D Employer identification number</b><br><b>91-1649210</b><br><b>E Telephone number</b><br><b>360-848-9336</b><br><b>G Gross receipts\$</b> <b>155,770</b>  |
| <b>F Name and address of principal officer:</b><br><b>Michael Whiton</b><br><b>4628 Beaverpond Dr N</b><br><b>Mount Vernon WA 98274</b>  |   | <b>H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>H(b) Are all subordinates included?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) |
| <b>I Tax-exempt status:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527   |   | <b>H(c) Group exemption number</b>  |
| <b>J Website:</b> <b>www.skagitsymphony.com</b>  |   | <b>L Year of formation:</b> <b>M State of legal domicile:</b>   |
| <b>K Form of organization:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |   |   |

**Part I Summary**

| <b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>  | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:<br><b>See Schedule O</b><br>2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.<br>3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) <span style="float:right">3 0</span><br>4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <span style="float:right">4 0</span><br>5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) <span style="float:right">5 0</span><br>6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <span style="float:right">6 0</span><br>7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <span style="float:right">7a 12,175</span><br>b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 <span style="float:right">7b 6,817</span> |  |   |                           |              |  |         |         |  |        |        |   |         |         |   |       |        |   |         |         |  |         |         |   |        |        |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------|--------------|--|---------|---------|--|--------|--------|---|---------|---------|---|-------|--------|---|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|---|--------|--------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |   | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">Prior Year</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Current Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100,588</td> <td style="text-align: right;">99,255</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">45,863</td> <td style="text-align: right;">44,128</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21</td> <td style="text-align: right;">212</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,295</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12,175</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">153,767</td> <td style="text-align: right;">155,770</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>   |   | Prior Year                | Current Year | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)                  | 100,588 | 99,255  | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)                                       | 45,863 | 44,128 | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)  | 21      | 212     | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 7,295 | 12,175 | 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 153,767 | 155,770 |  |         |         |   |        |        |
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|   | Beginning of Current Year   | End of Year  |   |                           |              |  |         |         |  |        |        |   |         |         |   |       |        |   |         |         |  |         |         |   |        |        |
| 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)   | 125,102   | 123,457  |   |                           |              |  |         |         |  |        |        |   |         |         |   |       |        |   |         |         |  |         |         |   |        |        |
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**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.

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| <b>Sign Here</b>              | Signature of officer<br><b>Heiko Miles</b><br>Type or print name and title                                  | Date<br><b>Treasurer</b>   |
| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name<br><b>John P. Baker, CPA</b>   | Preparer's signature<br><i>John P. Baker, CPA</i>  |
|                               | Firm's name <b>John P. Baker, CPA</b><br><b>2801 Commercial Ave., Suite 2</b><br><b>Anacortes, WA 98221</b> | Date <b>11/10/16</b><br>Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed<br>PTIN <b>P01393191</b><br>Firm's EIN <b>91-1465235</b><br>Phone no. <b>360-293-5841</b> |

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

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