

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ 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 **OCT 1, 2009** and ending **SEP 30, 2010**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type.  See Specific Instructions.	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>VSA ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.</b> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>THE NONPROFIT CENTER, 89 SOUTH ST.</b> City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>BOSTON, MA 02111</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>CHARLES WASHBURN</b> <b>89 SOUTH STREET, BOSTON, MA 02111</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>04-2699540</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>617-350-7713</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>632,517.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( <b>3</b> ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.VSAMASS.ORG</b>	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1980</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>MA</b>	

Part I Summary			
	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TRAINING EDUCATORS TO USE THE ARTS AS A VEHICLE FOR LEARNING AND BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL</b>	
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
Activities & Governance	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b> <b>8</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b> <b>8</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b> <b>8</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b> <b>0</b>
	<b>7a</b>	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b> <b>3,442.</b>
	<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b> <b>0.</b>
	Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)
<b>9</b>		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>102,738.</b> <b>96,471.</b>
<b>10</b>		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>5,653.</b> <b>3,442.</b>
<b>11</b>		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>10.</b>
<b>12</b>		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>736,076.</b> <b>632,517.</b>
Expenses		<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>338,464.</b> <b>353,169.</b>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>15,369.</b>	
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>301,338.</b> <b>291,181.</b>
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>664,199.</b> <b>644,350.</b>
	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>71,877.</b> <b>-11,833.</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year <b>494,944.</b> End of Year <b>483,648.</b>
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>50,680.</b> <b>46,787.</b>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>444,264.</b> <b>436,861.</b>

<b>Part II Signature Block</b>				
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.				
<b>Sign Here</b>	▶ Signature of officer	Date		
	▶ <b>CHARLES WASHBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>			
	Type or print name and title			
<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN ▶		Phone no. ▶ <b>781-665-7100</b>
▶ <b>HUGHES AND COMPANY, PC</b>				
▶ <b>ONE WEST FOSTER STREET</b>				
▶ <b>MELROSE, MA 02176-3852</b>				

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TRAINING EDUCATORS TO USE THE ARTS AS A VEHICLE FOR LEARNING AND BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT WHICH SUPPORTS DIVERSITY AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No [X] No

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 \$ 536,260. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 96,471. ) THE ORGANIZATION REACHED CLOSE TO 50,000 PEOPLE THROUGH STATEWIDE PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL INCLUSION. THE ORGANIZATION WORKED WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO WORKED WITH ARTISTS, CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

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 \$ 536,260.

**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>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
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>		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> 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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>	X	
	• 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>	X	
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
			X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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> .....		X
<b>22</b> 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> .....		X
<b>23</b> 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> .....		X
<b>24a</b> 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> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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> .....		X
<b>b</b> 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> .....		X
<b>26</b> 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> .....		X
<b>27</b> 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> .....		X
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> 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> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> 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> .....		X
<b>33</b> 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> .....		X
<b>34</b> 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> .....		X
<b>35</b> 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> .....		X
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b> 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> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1a</b> 28		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1b</b> 0		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
	<b>1c</b>		
<b>2a</b>	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		
	<b>2a</b> 8		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
	<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</b>	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)?		X
<b>b</b>	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.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b>	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?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
	<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
	<b>7g</b>		
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
	<b>7h</b>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
	<b>9a</b>		
	<b>9b</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>	

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**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		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
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?		X
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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
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		X

**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?		X
10b	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?	X	
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	X	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
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?		X
16b	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 **MA**

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: **CORPORATION - 617-350-7713**  
**89 SOUTH STREET, BOSTON, MA 02111**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JEREMY ALLIGER TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
ROBIN FOLEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ROBERT GUILLEMIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARK THOMAS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARTHA MCKENNA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BRIAN MINER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CAROL COLBECK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
THOMAS KEANE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CHARLES WASHBURN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				83,725.	0.	0.



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	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	170,236.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	362,368.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		532,604.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>PROG. SERV. REVENUE-EXCL</u>	Business Code 900099	96,471.		96,471.
b						
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			96,471.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,442.	3,442.		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a 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)					
	8 a 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						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a 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				
11 a						
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		632,517.	0.	3,442.	96,471.	

**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).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(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 .....	90,467.	65,136.	23,522.	1,809.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....				
7 Other salaries and wages .....	185,221.	166,506.	19,956.	-1,241.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) .....				
9 Other employee benefits .....	52,908.	44,472.	8,327.	109.
10 Payroll taxes .....	24,573.	20,655.	3,867.	51.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management .....				
b Legal .....				
c Accounting .....	6,600.		6,600.	
d Lobbying .....				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 .....				
f Investment management fees .....				
g Other .....	168,959.	144,834.	11,092.	13,033.
12 Advertising and promotion .....	75.	75.		
13 Office expenses .....	28,772.	25,611.	2,017.	1,144.
14 Information technology .....				
15 Royalties .....				
16 Occupancy .....	40,116.	33,540.	6,385.	191.
17 Travel .....	19,606.	18,294.	1,107.	205.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....	4,224.	3,752.	458.	14.
20 Interest .....				
21 Payments to affiliates .....				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....	7,603.		7,603.	
23 Insurance .....	10,794.	9,025.	1,718.	51.
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 VIDEO .....	1,650.	1,650.		
b PUBLIC RELATIONS .....	1,500.	1,500.		
c DUES, FEES, SUBSCRIPTIO .....	971.	923.	47.	1.
d MISCELLANEOUS .....	311.	287.	22.	2.
e .....				
f All other expenses .....				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	644,350.	536,260.	92,721.	15,369.
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	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	110,384.	1	98,231.	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	121,451.	2	229,011.	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	147,595.	3		
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		4	51,965.	
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		5		
	<b>6</b> 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		
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7		
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		8		
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	9,147.	9	11,416.	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 46,461.			
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 18,086.	32,189.	<b>10c</b>	28,375.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		11		
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	71,383.	12	61,855.	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13		
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		14		
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	2,795.	15	2,795.	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	494,944.	16	483,648.		
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	50,680.	17	46,787.	
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		18		
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		19		
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20		
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21		
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		22		
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		23		
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		24		
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		25		
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	50,680.	26	46,787.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	302,933.	27	354,995.	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	141,331.	28	81,866.	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		29		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		30		
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		31		
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		32		
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	444,264.	33	436,861.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	494,944.	34	483,648.		

**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
<b>2a</b>		X
<b>2b</b>	X	
<b>2c</b>	X	
<b>3a</b>		X
<b>3b</b>		

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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.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 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); 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.); 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. 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
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
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

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)** (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	458,581.	509,609.	545,869.	553,114.	532,602.	2,599,775.
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	118,560.	130,988.	117,927.	102,738.	96,471.	566,684.
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5	577,141.	640,597.	663,796.	655,852.	629,073.	3,166,459.
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0.
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0.
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						0.
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						3,166,459.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6	577,141.	640,597.	663,796.	655,852.	629,073.	3,166,459.
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	7,269.	7,039.	7,427.	5,653.	3,442.	30,830.
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b	7,269.	7,039.	7,427.	5,653.	3,442.	30,830.
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	584,410.	647,636.	671,223.	661,505.	632,515.	3,197,289.

**14 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**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	99.04 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	99.06 %

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	.96 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	.94 %

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**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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**2009**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

VSA ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Employer identification number

04-2699540

**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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f     |
- 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:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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				
e Other		46,461.	18,086.	28,375.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				28,375.



**Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements**

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	632,517.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	644,350.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-11,833.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	4,430.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	4,430.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-7,403.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	678,753.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	46,236.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	46,236.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	632,517.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	632,517.

**Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	690,586.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	46,236.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	46,236.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	644,350.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	644,350.

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2009**

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

**VSA ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**

Employer identification number

**04-2699540**

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ...

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations ..... ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations ..... ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

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**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ENVIRONMENT WHICH SUPPORTS DIVERSITY AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTES A COPY  
OF THE 990 TO ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR REVIEW, COMMENT AND APPROVAL  
BEFORE THE TAX RETURN IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES  
ARE ASKED ANNUALLY TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
DISCLOSURE FORMS. THE FORMS INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF THE POLICY AND AN  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL FOLLOW THE POLICY. IF THERE IS A  
POTENTIAL CONFLICT SITUATION, IT IS ADDRESSED AT A BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PERFORMS AN  
INDEPENDENT WRITTEN EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE BOARD THEN  
VOTES ON A SALARY INCREASE BASED ON COST OF LIVING AND MERIT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING  
DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTERET POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE  
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction
	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL											
6	FAX MACHINE	071691	SL	5.00	16	497.			497.	497.		0.
31	NOTEBOOK PROJECTOR	060101	SL	5.00	16	4,221.			4,221.	4,221.		0.
34	FILE CABINET	043002	SL	5.00	16	320.			320.	320.		0.
37	AVERATEC COMPUTER & SOFTWARE	061505	SL	5.00	16	1,090.			1,090.	1,065.		25.
38	DELL COMPUTER SERVER	012606	SL	5.00	16	762.			762.	571.		152.
39	APPLE MACBOOK	112008	SL	5.00	16	1,499.			1,499.	275.		300.
40	OFFICE DESKS	012209	SL	5.00	16	5,120.			5,120.	768.		1,024.
41	SBX TELEPHONE	022009	SL	5.00	16	2,735.			2,735.	365.		547.
42	3 APPLE COMPUTERS	030409	SL	5.00	16	4,834.			4,834.	564.		967.
43	APPLE KEYBOARD	030909	SL	5.00	16	308.			308.	36.		62.
44	APPLE IMAC	032509	SL	5.00	16	1,049.			1,049.	122.		210.
45	CHARLIE'S DESK	040709	SL	5.00	16	986.			986.	99.		197.
46	DESK	040909	SL	5.00	16	5,835.			5,835.	584.		1,167.
47	CHAIRS	050809	SL	6.00	16	4,581.			4,581.	382.		764.
48	DIRT WALL DEPOSIT	020509	SL	6.00	16	8,834.			8,834.	613.		1,794.
49	ETCHED VSA SIGNS	052510	SL	5.00	16	1,103.			1,103.			74.
50	HARD DRIVE FOR SERVER	120309	SL	5.00	16	230.			230.			38.

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Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction
51	MAC MINI SERVER	120309	SL	5.00	16	540.			540.			90.
52	MACBOOK PRO	032410	SL	5.00	16	919.			919.			92.
53	RICOH C2500	032510	SL	5.00	16	1,000.			1,000.			100.
	* 990 PAGE 10 TOTAL											
	MANAGEMENT AND GEN					46,463.		0.	46,463.	10,482.	0.	7,603.
	* GRAND TOTAL 990											
	PAGE 10 DEPR					46,463.		0.	46,463.	10,482.	0.	7,603.

**Depreciation and Amortization** 990  
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return: **VSA ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**  
 Business or activity to which this form relates: **FORM 990 PAGE 10**  
 Identifying number: **04-2699540**

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179** Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	7,603.

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

**Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	7,603.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? 25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use. 26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use. 27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use. 28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. 29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26.

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles) 31 Total commuting miles driven during the year 32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven 33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32 34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? 35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person? 36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? 38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? 39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? 40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received? 41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use?

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year: 43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year 44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **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.

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

**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.*

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization <b>VSA ARTS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>04-2699540</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>THE NONPROFIT CENTER, 89 SOUTH ST.</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>BOSTON, MA 02111</b>	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**CORPORATION**

- The books are in the care of ▶ **89 SOUTH STREET - BOSTON, MA 02111**  
 Telephone No. ▶ **617-350-7713** 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.

**1** I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **MAY 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 **OCT 1, 2009**, and ending **SEP 30, 2010**.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> 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.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> 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.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**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.