

# AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM



Financial Statements  
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees of  
the American Folk Art Museum:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the American Folk Art Museum (the "Museum") which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America; this includes 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.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 financial position of the American Folk Art Museum as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Marks Paneth LLP*

New York, NY  
December 28, 2016

**AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2E and 12)	\$ 277,393	\$ 705,038
Accounts and government grants receivable (Note 2G)	163,312	56,837
Prepaid expenses and other assets (Note 2K)	375,893	343,676
Pledges receivable, net (Notes 2G and 4)	2,790,239	1,387,000
Investments (Notes 2F, 2N, 5 and 11)	5,231,634	5,237,431
Property and equipment, net (Notes 2D and 3)	1,066,375	1,154,721
Bequest held in perpetual trust - permanently restricted (Notes 2N, 5, 10 and 11)	902,980	984,980
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,807,826</b>	<b>\$ 9,869,683</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 196,776	\$ 184,660
Deferred rent (Note 2M)	95,204	83,154
Deferred revenue (Note 2P)	1,285	31,550
Accrued salaries and vacation	59,037	104,184
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>352,302</b>	<b>403,548</b>
 <b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b> (Note 8)		
 <b>NET ASSETS</b> (Note 2B)		
Unrestricted	1,762,436	2,487,124
Temporarily restricted (Note 10)	3,829,456	4,233,380
Permanently restricted (Note 10)	4,863,632	2,745,631
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10,455,524</b>	<b>9,466,135</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,807,826</b>	<b>\$ 9,869,683</b>

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

**AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

	For the Year Ended June 30, 2016			For the Year Ended June 30, 2015				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2016	Total 2015	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
<b>OPERATING REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER (Note 2Q) :</b>								
Contributions and membership (Note 2I)	\$ 917,180	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 931,180	\$ 1,138,280	\$ 835,563	\$ 302,717	\$ -
Support from foundations and corporations	167,500	630,000	-	797,500	1,036,000	175,000	861,000	-
Special events and benefits, net of direct expense of \$211,283 in 2016 and \$173,548 in 2015 (Note 2O)	563,443	-	-	563,443	822,824	822,824	-	-
Investment activity - 5% spending policy (Note 2F)	292,401	-	-	292,401	270,617	270,617	-	-
Government support	177,816	-	-	177,816	205,800	205,800	-	-
Auxiliary activities (Note 6)	1,028,731	-	-	1,028,731	895,783	895,783	-	-
Other income	261,472	34,120	-	295,592	175,598	175,598	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 10)	1,037,485	(1,037,485)	-	-	-	1,383,588	(1,383,588)	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER</b>	<u>4,446,028</u>	<u>(359,365)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,086,663</u>	<u>4,544,902</u>	<u>4,764,773</u>	<u>(219,871)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES (Notes 2O and 2Q):</b>								
Programs (Note 7)	2,663,025	-	-	2,663,025	3,095,403	3,095,403	-	-
Auxiliary activities (Note 6)	751,884	-	-	751,884	676,767	676,767	-	-
Management and general	603,304	-	-	603,304	416,340	416,340	-	-
Fundraising	356,971	-	-	356,971	572,398	572,398	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>4,375,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,375,184</u>	<u>4,760,908</u>	<u>4,760,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>70,844</u>	<u>(359,365)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(288,521)</u>	<u>(216,006)</u>	<u>3,865</u>	<u>(219,871)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE, EXPENSES AND OTHER (Note 2Q):</b>								
Contributions and other revenue	50,676	-	2,200,000	2,250,676	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Purchases of artwork (Note 2C)	(48,000)	-	-	(48,000)	(46,875)	(46,875)	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions for purchases of artwork	48,000	(27,000)	-	21,000	46,875	46,875	-	-
Moving expenses and non-capital facility planning	(58,492)	-	-	(58,492)	(272,666)	(272,666)	-	-
Investment activity, net (Note 5)	(349,102)	(17,559)	(81,999)	(448,660)	52,741	92,587	7,182	(47,028)
Investment activity to operations - 5% spending policy (Note 2F)	(292,401)	-	-	(292,401)	(270,617)	(270,617)	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	(146,213)	-	-	(146,213)	(54,488)	(54,488)	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUE, EXPENSES AND OTHER</b>	<u>(795,532)</u>	<u>(44,559)</u>	<u>2,118,001</u>	<u>1,277,910</u>	<u>454,970</u>	<u>(505,184)</u>	<u>7,182</u>	<u>952,972</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>(724,688)</u>	<u>(403,924)</u>	<u>2,118,001</u>	<u>989,389</u>	<u>238,964</u>	<u>(501,319)</u>	<u>(212,689)</u>	<u>952,972</u>
<b>Net assets - beginning of year</b>	<u>2,487,124</u>	<u>4,233,380</u>	<u>2,745,631</u>	<u>9,466,135</u>	<u>9,227,171</u>	<u>2,988,443</u>	<u>4,446,069</u>	<u>1,792,659</u>
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 1,762,436</u>	<u>\$ 3,829,456</u>	<u>\$ 4,863,632</u>	<u>\$ 10,455,524</u>	<u>\$ 9,466,135</u>	<u>\$ 2,487,124</u>	<u>\$ 4,233,380</u>	<u>\$ 2,745,631</u>

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**AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 989,389	\$ 238,964
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	146,213	54,488
Amortization of pledge discount	-	(67)
Change in value of bequest held in perpetual trust	82,000	47,028
Realized loss (gain) on investment	736	(44)
Unrealized loss on investment	464,236	27,957
Contribution to permanently restricted	(2,200,000)	(1,000,000)
Subtotal	(517,426)	(631,674)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts and government grants receivable	(106,475)	38,719
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(32,217)	2,930
Pledges receivable	(1,403,239)	(1,003,000)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,116	55,306
Deferred rent	12,050	33,997
Deferred revenue	(30,265)	31,550
Accrued salaries and vacation	(45,147)	11,193
<b>Net Cash Used in Operating Activities</b>	<b>(2,110,603)</b>	<b>(1,460,979)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Property and equipment acquisitions	(57,867)	(1,033,737)
Purchase of investments	(1,340,797)	(256,726)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	881,622	1,650,538
<b>Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>(517,042)</b>	<b>360,075</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Contribution to permanently restricted	2,200,000	1,000,000
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(427,645)</b>	<b>(100,904)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	705,038	805,942
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 277,393</b>	<b>\$ 705,038</b>

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

**AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES**

The American Folk Art Museum (the “Museum”) was founded in 1961 and is organized under the New York State Education Department. The Museum has been granted exemption as an educational institution from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Museum is devoted principally to preserving and interpreting the rich and diverse folk art heritage of the United States through the development of a permanent collection and the presentation of exhibitions, educational programs, special events and publications of the highest quality. Recognizing that American folk art can be best understood in a global context, the Museum also presents programs related to folk art and related traditions from elsewhere in the world.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. *Basis of Presentation***

The Museum's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Museum adheres to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

**B. *Net Assets Presentation***

The Museum's net assets and revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the Museum and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- Unrestricted – represents resources available for support of the Museum's operations over which the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has discretionary control.
- Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Museum or the passage of time, and also the unappropriated endowment earnings.
- Permanently restricted – represents assets that must remain intact in perpetuity.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is limited by donor imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions.

**C. *Accounting for Collections***

The Museum is the leading museum for folk art scholarship in the nation. The Museum is dedicated to preserving the rich folk art heritage of America through the presentation of exhibitions, educational programs, and publications of the highest quality. Works of folk art from the Museum's permanent collection are highlighted in a dramatic installation in the present Museum facility. Temporary exhibitions, featuring objects from the permanent collection, as well as from important museum and private collections across the country, are organized for presentation at the Museum. The collections are maintained for public exhibition, education and research in furtherance of public service, rather than for financial gain. Each of the items is catalogued, preserved, and cared for, and activities verifying their existence and assessing their condition are performed periodically.

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JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

In conformity with accounting policies generally followed by art museums, the collections, which were acquired through purchases and contributions since the Museum's inception, are not recognized as assets. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in the year in which the items are acquired. Proceeds from de-accessions or insurance recoveries are reflected as increases in unrestricted net assets.

Purchases of collection items in the amount of \$48,000 and \$46,875 were made during the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are included in program expenses in the accompanying statements of activities.

**D. *Property and Equipment***

The Museum records property and equipment at cost and calculates depreciation on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of their useful life or the term of the applicable lease. Assets with a useful life greater than one year and a cost of \$5,000 or more are capitalized by the Museum.

**E. *Cash Equivalents***

The Museum considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. Certain cash equivalents held in the investment portfolio are classified as investments in the statements of financial position.

**F. *Investments and Investment Income***

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value measurements are based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three levels, as described in Note 11. The fair value of alternate investments are based upon values provided by the investment manager, which are reviewed for reasonableness by management. Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the investments are purchased or sold (trade date).

Realized gains and losses are determined as the difference between the sales proceeds of an investment and the cost. Unrealized gains and losses that result from market fluctuations are recognized in the period such fluctuations occur. Interest income and dividend income are recorded as earned. The Museum has a spending policy of up to 5% of the fair value of its investments over a trailing period of three years. The amount up to 5% is allotted to operations and any remaining positive or negative amount remains in non-operating.

**G. *Pledges Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts***

The Museum's allowance for doubtful pledges, accounts receivable and government grants receivable is based on management's estimates of the creditworthiness of its contributors, current economic conditions and historical information. The allowance for doubtful pledges amounted to \$10,000 as of June 30, 2016 and 2015. There was no allowance for accounts and government grants receivable as of June 30, 2016 and 2015.

The Museum received conditional pledges that are not recognized as income since the conditions were not met. Such conditional pledges amounted to \$1,000,000 as of June 30, 2016.



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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**H. *Donated Goods and Services***

A number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time in furtherance of the Museum's programs covering most phases of the Museum's activities, except maintenance and art handling. Volunteers provide administrative assistance in various areas of the Museum and support the visitor information desk. The Museum does not reflect the value of such services since they do not meet the criteria for recognition. In addition, the Museum's Lincoln Square gallery license provides for a nominal annual fee. The fair rental value of the space is not recorded as income and expense.

**I. *Membership Dues***

Membership dues for individual membership categories are recognized as revenue in the year in which they are earned.

**J. *Traveling Exhibitions***

Revenue fees for traveling exhibitions are recognized as income when the exhibition opens. Amounts received in advance are considered deferred revenue.

**K. *Inventory***

Inventory amounted to \$108,107 and \$98,623 as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Such amounts are included in prepaid expenses and other assets in the accompanying financial statements. Inventory consists primarily of goods sold at the Museum's shop. Such inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market, using the retail method.

**L. *Bequests***

The Museum recognizes bequests when the cash or donated assets are received. Donated noncash assets are recorded at fair value in the period received.

**M. *Deferred Rent***

The Museum records rent expense for operating leases with scheduled rent increases on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease with the difference between the expense and rental payments recorded as an increase or decrease to the deferred rent liability on the statements of financial position.

**N. *Reclassifications***

Certain line items in the June 30, 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the June 30, 2016 presentation.

**AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM  
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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**O. *Expenses***

The Museum reflects depreciation and amortization expenses and certain non-recurring expenses separately in its statements of activities. Under U.S GAAP, such expenses must be allocated to the appropriate functional expenses. Accordingly, the Museum's functional expenses for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Programs	\$ 2,836,491	\$ 3,187,020
Auxiliary activities	786,681	676,767
Management and general	631,225	698,814
Fundraising	<u>373,492</u>	<u>572,398</u>
	<u>\$ 4,627,889</u>	<u>\$ 5,134,999</u>

Certain costs in the above functional expenses have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. In addition, the direct costs of special events include expenses for the benefit of the donor. For example, meals and facilities rental are considered direct costs of special events. These costs amounted to approximately \$221,000 and \$174,000 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Lastly, advertising costs, included in management and general expense, are expensed as incurred and amounted to approximately \$100 and \$54,000 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**P. *Deferred Revenue***

The Museum defers revenues for funds received in advance of the period intended for use.

**Q. *Statements of Activities – Operating and Non-Operating***

The Museum reflects in non-operating activities:

- Depreciation and amortization
- Permanently restricted contributions
- Purchases of artworks and any corresponding release of net assets pertaining to such purchases
- Investment activity, net and a corresponding reduction to such amount representing its 5% (up to) spending policy to operations
- Infrequently occurring items

**R. *Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consists of the following as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 1,158,341	\$ 1,100,474	5-18 years
Furniture and equipment	<u>630,716</u>	<u>630,716</u>	5-10 years
Total cost	1,789,057	1,731,190	
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(722,682)</u>	<u>(576,469)</u>	
Net book value	<u>\$ 1,066,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,154,721</u>	

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$146,213 and \$54,489 for the years June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**NOTE 4 – PLEDGES RECEIVABLE**

If material, pledges are recorded at their present value of future cash flows using discount factors ranging from 0.05% to 0.14%, after providing an allowance for uncollectibility. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, pledges are expected to be collected as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
In less than one year	\$ 954,355	\$ 372,000
Between one and five years	<u>1,845,884</u>	<u>1,025,000</u>
	2,800,239	1,397,000
Less:		
Allowance for doubtful pledges	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,790,239</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,000</u>

**NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS**

Investments consist of the following as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 532,483	\$ 204,068
Fixed income	738,303	275,481
Equity	3,102,610	3,511,233
Alternative investments		
Hedge funds – fund of funds	858,238	1,135,975
Hard assets – commodity index	<u>-</u>	<u>110,674</u>
Total Investments	5,231,634	5,237,431
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	<u>902,980</u>	<u>984,980</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,134,614</u>	<u>\$ 6,222,411</u>

The Museum's Board has established a finance and investment committee, chaired by the Treasurer. The committee's terms of reference for investment matters, and an investment policy, have been approved by the Board. Investments are subject to market volatility that could substantially change their value in the near term.

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**NOTE 5 – INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Investment activity consists of the following for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 128,139	\$ 162,101
Realized (loss) gain on investment sales	(736)	44
Unrealized loss on investments	(464,236)	(27,957)
Change in value of bequest	<u>(81,999)</u>	<u>(47,029)</u>
	(418,832)	87,159
Less: investment expenses	<u>(29,828)</u>	<u>(34,418)</u>
	<u>\$ (448,660)</u>	<u>\$ 52,741</u>

**NOTE 6 – AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES**

Auxiliary activities consist primarily of goods sold at the Museum's shop located at Lincoln Square in New York City. The Museum has a number of licensing agreements with various companies (generally for up to three years), for which it receives royalties from the sale of reproductions of items in the Museum's collection made by the licensees.

Revenue and expenses for auxiliary activities consist of the following for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Book and gift shops	\$ 1,028,731	\$ 751,884	\$ 870,775	\$ 676,767
Reproduction rights	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,008</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,028,731</u>	<u>\$ 751,884</u>	<u>\$ 895,783</u>	<u>\$ 676,767</u>

**NOTE 7 – PROGRAM EXPENSES**

Program expenses result primarily from costs associated with the Museum's gallery, exhibitions and education, as well as the Museum's library, including a proportionate share of insurance, rent, utilities and maintenance costs and the purchase of art works.

**NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- A. The Museum has a license agreement to occupy space in a public area at Lincoln Square and to provide access to works of art and items related thereto. The licensing agreement requires a nominal annual fee and expires in 2075. If the Museum vacates the area earlier than the end of the license term, the Museum may be obligated to pay approximately \$400,000 to the landlord. If the Museum were to negotiate the assignment of the license, the Museum would be exempt from such obligation.

Rent expense (including real estate tax escalation charges) for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$234,997 and \$354,127, respectively.

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**NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)**

The minimum annual lease payments for the Museum's Long Island City location are as follows for the years ending subsequent to June 30, 2016:

2017	\$ 159,492
2018	164,277
2019	169,205
2020	174,281
2021	180,010
Thereafter	<u>652,655</u>
	<u>\$ 1,499,920</u>

- B. The Museum believes it has no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 as defined in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, which provides standards for establishing and classifying tax expense for uncertain tax positions.

**NOTE 9 – PENSION PLAN**

The Museum maintains a pension plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) for all eligible employees. The Museum matches employee contributions to this plan up to a maximum of the greater of 3% of gross compensation of the employee or their contribution. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Museum contributed \$45,315 and \$41,022 respectively, to this plan. Employees become eligible upon completing three months of service to the Museum.

**NOTE 10 – TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Program restricted	\$ 3,755,183	\$ 3,894,548
Unappropriated endowment earnings	49,273	66,832
Time Restricted:		
Period ending June 30, 2016	-	272,000
Period ending June 30, 2017	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 3,829,456</u>	<u>\$ 4,233,380</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets of \$1,037,485 and \$1,383,588 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, were released from donor restrictions by incurring costs (or through the passage of time), thereby satisfying the restrictions specified by the donors.

Permanently restricted net assets consist of the following as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Museum's 50% beneficial interest in trust	\$ 902,980	\$ 984,980
All other funds	<u>3,960,652</u>	<u>1,760,651</u>
	<u>\$ 4,863,632</u>	<u>\$ 2,745,631</u>

The Museum receives unrestricted annual income (dividends and interest) from the investment assets pertaining to its 50% beneficial interest in trust. These funds are held in perpetuity by a third party trustee. Realized and unrealized gains or losses remain in the fund assets as permanently restricted. The assets of the trust consist primarily of fixed income securities and money market funds, and the Museum's ownership interest is stated at fair value. All other funds' earnings are unrestricted by the donor during the year ended June 30, 2016.

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**NOTE 10 – TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (Continued)**

The change in the permanently restricted beneficial interest in perpetual trusts for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 relates to the change in the value of such trusts. Other permanently restricted net assets of \$2,200,000 and \$760,651 are included in investments on the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The Museum adheres to the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“NYPMIFA”). NYPMIFA contains a rebuttable presumption of imprudence if an organization appropriates more than 7% of a donor-restricted permanent endowment fund’s fair value (averaged over a period not less than the preceding five years) in any year. In addition, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, any unappropriated earnings on endowment funds that would otherwise be considered unrestricted by the donor are reflected as temporarily restricted until appropriated by the Board of Trustees. The policy for valuing the Museums investments is described in Note 2F.

The Board of Trustees of the Museum has interpreted New York State law as allowing the Museum to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of an endowment fund as the Museum determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes and duration for which the endowment fund is established, subject to the intent of the donor as expressed in the gift instrument. Unless permanently or otherwise temporarily restricted in the gift instrument, the earnings (realized and unrealized gains/losses, dividends and interest) in the endowment fund shall be temporarily restricted assets until appropriated for expenditure by the Board of Trustees. See Note 2B for how the Museum maintains its net assets.

The Museum’s endowment investment policy is to invest primarily in equities, fixed income and alternative investments based on an asset allocation, approved by the Board of Trustees, to satisfy overall endowment financial and investment objectives such as to preserve the principal, protect against inflation, receive stable returns and achieve long-term growth. The Museum 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).

Changes in endowment net assets including permanently restricted net assets for the year ended June 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 66,832	\$ 1,760,651	\$ 1,827,483
Contributions	-	2,200,000	2,200,000
Investment activity	(17,559)	-	(17,559)
Board appropriation for expenditures	-	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 49,273</u>	<u>\$ 3,960,651</u>	<u>\$ 4,009,924</u>

Changes in endowment net assets including permanently restricted net assets for the year ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 99,289	\$ 760,651	\$ 859,940
Contributions	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Investment activity	7,182	-	7,182
Board appropriation for expenditures	(39,639)	-	(39,639)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 66,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,651</u>	<u>\$ 1,827,483</u>

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**NOTE 10 – TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (Continued)**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor required the Museum to retain as a fund of perpetual duration due to appropriation for expenditure or unfavorable market fluctuations. In accordance with the Museum's policy, deficiencies of this nature are reported in either restricted or unrestricted net assets. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, there were no such deficiencies.

**NOTE 11 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The fair value hierarchy defines three levels as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Museum has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2016 are presented in the following table:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total 2016</u>
Investments:				
Cash and money market funds	\$ 532,483	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 532,483
US fixed income funds	738,303	-	-	738,303
Equity funds				
US Large Cap	1,420,770	-	-	1,402,770
US Mid Cap	249,123	-	-	249,123
Europe, Australia and Far East	933,047	-	-	933,047
European Large Cap	44,140	-	-	44,140
Japanese Large Cap Equity	88,647	-	-	88,647
Global	366,883	-	-	366,883
Hedge fund – fund of funds	-	-	858,238	858,238
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	<u>-</u>	<u>902,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>902,980</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u>\$ 4,373,396</u>	<u>\$ 902,980</u>	<u>\$ 858,238</u>	<u>\$ 6,134,614</u>

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**NOTE 11 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2015 are presented in the following table:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total 2015</u>
Investments:				
Cash and money market funds	\$ 204,068	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204,068
US fixed income funds	275,481	-	-	275,481
Equity funds				
US Large Cap	1,462,746	-	-	1,462,746
US Mid Cap	407,492	-	-	407,492
Europe, Australia and Far East	869,395	-	-	869,395
European Large Cap	24,975	-	-	24,975
Japanese Large Cap Equity	51,946	-	-	51,946
Asia ex-Japan	240,308	-	-	240,308
Emerging Market	47,016	-	-	47,016
Global	407,355	-	-	407,355
Commodity index	110,674	-	-	110,674
Hedge fund – fund of funds	-	-	1,135,975	1,135,975
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	<u>-</u>	<u>984,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>984,980</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u>\$ 4,101,456</u>	<u>\$ 984,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,975</u>	<u>\$ 6,222,411</u>

Investments in equity funds, government fixed income securities and commodity index funds are valued using the closing prices on the active market in which they are traded (Level 1). The investment in beneficial interest in perpetual trust is classified as Level 2 as the underlying investments of the trust are mutual funds that are actively traded.

As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Museum's investment in the hedge fund was recorded at fair value as reported by investment managers, in an amount equal to the NAV of shares of units held by the Museum at year-end. The financial statements of this hedge fund are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are audited annually by independent auditors. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the Museum had no unfunded commitments to invest in this hedge fund. The hedge fund's investment strategies include diversified portfolio allocations across a broad range of equity and limited liability company investments, and may include long and short positions in publicly traded equity securities across various industries and geographies. Redemptions, at NAV, of shares in these investments range from quarterly to annually, generally with thirty to ninety days' redemption notice, and typically after the expiration of a defined lock-up period. The investment is classified as Level 3 by management due to the redemption features.

The Board of Trustees reviews and approves the Museum's fair value measurement policies and procedures annually. At least annually, the finance committee and the Board determine if the valuation techniques used in fair value measurements are still appropriate.

The table below presents information about fair value measurements that use significant unobservable inputs (level 3):

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,135,975	\$ 1,342,162
Sales	(151,418)	(218,249)
(Losses) or gains (realized/unrealized)	<u>(126,319)</u>	<u>12,062</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 858,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,975</u>

The Museum recognizes transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period. There were no such transfers during the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.



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**NOTE 12 – CONCENTRATIONS**

Cash and cash equivalents that potentially subject the Museum to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts with banks that exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insurance limit of \$250,000. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, there was approximately \$13,200 and \$520,000, respectively, of cash and cash equivalents held by a bank that exceeded the FDIC limit. Such excess includes outstanding checks.

**NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated, for potential recognition and disclosure, events subsequent to the date of the statement of financial position through December 28, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.