

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB NO. 1545-0047

2012

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2012, and ending

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **The Renaissance Project**
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street addr) Room/suite
5234 N. Claiborne
 City, town or country State ZIP code + 4
New Orleans LA 70117

D Employer identification number: **72-1510699**

E Telephone number: **(504) 942-2500**

G Gross receipts \$ **395,770.**

F Name and address of principal officer:
Greta Gladney 5234 N. Claiborne New Orleans LA 70117

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **www.therenaissanceproject.la**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of Formation: **2001**

M State of legal domicile: **LA**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: To improve the quality of life in low income communities of color in New Orleans by increasing access to fresh, healthy food, improving education opportunities, catalyzing economic development and celebrating arts and culture.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	10
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	

	Prior Year	Current Year	
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	222,553.	394,460.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		1,310.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0.	
12	Total revenue -- add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	222,553.	395,770.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.	0.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	137,424.	118,579.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11a)	0.	0.
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0.	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24a)	176,823.	377,445.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	314,247.	496,024.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-91,694.	-100,254.
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 73,993.	End of Year 554.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,881.	33,462.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	67,112.	-32,908.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer: Greta Gladney Date: 12/4/2013

Type or print name and title: Greta Gladney President and Executive Director

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Ernest J Folse III, CPA Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Firm's name: Ernest J. Folse III, CPA Check if self-employed PTIN: P00433789

Firm's address: 67 Castano Drive Hot Springs Village AR 71909 Firm's EIN: 72-1339812 Phone no. _____

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

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 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
22 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
23 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
24a 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, and 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
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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
25b 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
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest 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
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 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):		
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 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
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 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
33 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
34 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
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
35b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. 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
37 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
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No responses. Includes questions 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, 14a-14b.

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.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who 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?; 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?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 9 Is there any officer, director or 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.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13.; 12b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done.; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 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? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; b Other officers of key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b If 'Yes,' did the organization follow 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
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.
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 during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

Greta Gladney 5234 N. Claiborne New Orleans LA 70117 (504) 942-2500

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

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

1 a 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.

- 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, if any. 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 neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(1) Greta Gladney President/Executive Director	60.00	X					60,751.	0.	0.	
(2) Staffas Broussard Vice President/Chairman	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) Daniella Cook Secretary	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) Christian Johnson Treasurer	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5)										
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(14)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(15) -----										
(16) -----										
(17) -----										
(18) -----										
(19) -----										
(20) -----										
(21) -----										
(22) -----										
(23) -----										
(24) -----										
(25) -----										
1 b Sub-total							60,751.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							60,751.	0.	0.	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(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					
	1 b Membership dues					
	1 c Fundraising events					
	1 d Related organizations					
	1 e Government grants (contributions)	77,300.				
	1 f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	317,160.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f: \$	275,915.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	394,460.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2 a _____					
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue		1,310.	1,310.	0.	0.
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,310.				
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)					
	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				
		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						
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					
	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		395,770.	1,310.	0.	0.	

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	23,423.	1	554.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	50,570.	2	0.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0.	3	0.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0.	4	0.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	5	0.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	6	0.
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0.	7	0.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0.	8	0.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0.	9	0.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		10c
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities	0.	11	0.
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0.	12	0.
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0.	13	0.
	14 Intangible assets	0.	14	0.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0.	15	0.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	73,993.	16	554.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,881.	17	33,462.
	18 Grants payable	0.	18	0.
	19 Deferred revenue	0.	19	0.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0.	20	0.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0.	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	22	0.
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0.	23	0.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0.	24	0.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,881.	26	33,462.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	67,112.	27	-32,908.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0.	28	0.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0.	29	0.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	67,112.	33	-32,908.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	73,993.	34	554.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	395,770.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	496,024.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-100,254.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	67,112.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	33,696.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	554.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2c	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.		X
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?		X
3b	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		X

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

2012

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization: The Renaissance Project; Employer identification number: 72-1510699

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions...
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety.
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box.
g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

Table with 3 columns: Question (i), (ii), (iii), and Yes/No columns for each.

Table with 7 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document?, (v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?, (vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S., (vii) Amount of monetary support.

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
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						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3% support test – 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2012. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)	246,104.	235,301.	349,671.	222,553.	395,769.	1,449,398.
2 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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	246,104.	235,301.	349,671.	222,553.	395,769.	1,449,398.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,449,398.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	246,104.	235,301.	349,671.	222,553.	395,769.	1,449,398.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0.	121.	35.			156.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0.	121.	35.			156.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0.	0.	0.			0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	246,104.	235,422.	349,706.	222,553.	395,769.	1,449,554.

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

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.99 %
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.99 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.01 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.01 %

19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2012. 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 – 2011. 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, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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...?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution..., 3 Number of conservation easements modified..., 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located..., 5 Does the organization have a written policy..., 6 Staff and volunteer hours..., 7 Amount of expenses incurred..., 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy..., 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports...

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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report..., b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report..., 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain...

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 XIII.

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 the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1 a 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 XIII and complete the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 1 c Beginning balance, 1 d Additions during the year, 1 e Distributions during the year, 1 f Ending balance.

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years, (d) Three years, (e) Four years. Rows: 1 a 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
b Permanent endowment %
c Temporarily restricted endowment %
The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

Table with 3 columns: Description, Yes, No. Rows: 3 a (i) unrelated organizations, 3 a (ii) related organizations, 3 b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 1 a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, e Other.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)

Part VII Investments – Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

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

Part XIII 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, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Pt IV Line 2b No entry

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Pt VI, Line 8b Not applicable

Pt VI, Line 15 Review process was comparison with Bureau of Labor statistics

Pt XII, Line 3b No schedule required

Pt VI, Line 11a Not applicable

Pt VI, Line 11b Not applicable

Pt VI, Line 15a Not applicable

Schedule O (Form 990), Supplemental Information to Form 990
Form 990, Page 2, Part III, Line 1 (continued)

Briefly describe the organization's mission:

resilient and culturally vibrant places where they enjoy access to good health, good food quality education, economic opportunity and civic participation across race and class for the common good. We are a native-New Orleans, non profit community development organization that works to improve to improve the quality of life in low income communities of color by increasing the access to fresh, healthy food; improving education opportunities, catalyzing economic development and celebrating arts and culture. The Renaissance Project focuses on integrated programs for poverty alleviation.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
Form 990, Page 10, Line 24e All Other Expenses (continued)

Description	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
In kind supplies and services	275,915.	275,915.	0.	0.

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 11/Line 17, column (B)

Description	Amount
Current liabilities	24,377.
941 Taxes	3,829.
LA Income Taxes	4,119.
SUTA	1,137.
Total	<u>33,462.</u>

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).
 Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21	0.	0.		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	0.	0.		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0.	0.		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0.	0.		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	60,751.	60,751.	0.	0.
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7	Other salaries and wages	48,908.	48,908.	0.	0.
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0.	0.	0.	0.
9	Other employee benefits	0.	0.	0.	0.
10	Payroll taxes	8,920.	8,920.	0.	0.
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management	0.	0.	0.	0.
b	Legal	0.	0.	0.	0.
c	Accounting	12,267.	0.	12,267.	0.
d	Lobbying	0.	0.	0.	0.
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0.	0.	0.	0.
f	Investment management fees	0.	0.	0.	0.
g	Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)	0.	0.	0.	0.
12	Advertising and promotion	0.	0.	0.	0.
13	Office expenses	23,321.	23,321.	0.	0.
14	Information technology	0.	0.	0.	0.
15	Royalties	0.	0.	0.	0.
16	Occupancy	0.	0.	0.	0.
17	Travel	16,626.	16,626.	0.	0.
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.	0.	0.	0.
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,279.	2,279.	0.	0.
20	Interest	477.	477.	0.	0.
21	Payments to affiliates	0.	0.	0.	0.
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0.	0.	0.	0.
23	Insurance	4,144.	4,144.	0.	0.
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	Bank service charges	58.	58.	0.	0.
b	Contact labor	41,573.	41,573.	0.	0.
c	Filing fees	0.	0.	0.	0.
d	Gifts	785.	785.	0.	0.
e	All other expenses	275,915.	275,915.	0.	0.
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	496,024.	483,757.	12,267.	0.
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				