

HAWAII INSTITUTE



FOR MUSIC ENRICHMENT
AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES
1296 AUWAIKU ST, KAILUA, HI 96734

January 13, 2024

Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation
Attn: Tammy Davis Crownie
81 East 7th Street, Suite 125
St. Paul, MN 55101

To Whom It May Concern:

HIMELE once again thanks the Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation for its generous support for our programs.

The Hawaii Institute for Music Enrichment and Learning Experiences, Inc., (HIMELE) is a Hawai'i 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that supports music education and enrichment for people of all ages. We educate, promote and perpetuate Hawaiian music, Hawaiian culture and Hawaiian musical instruments. We do this by organizing and sponsoring annual music festivals throughout the State of Hawai'i and livestream broadcasts that emphasize the Hawaiian steel guitar, an instrument which almost became extinct due to past practices of Hawaiian steel guitar masters. We also provide training seminars and workshops for Hawaiian music and the Hawaiian steel guitar.

Our primary way of accomplishing our mission is through the production of live, in-person Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festivals at venues which embrace a large public presence such as resort properties and public shopping destinations. HIMELE has produced all the Hawaiian steel guitar festivals held in Hawai'i each year since its incorporation in 2015. Prior to that, Hawaiian steel guitar festivals were produced independently by Alan Akaka, HIMELE's chairman of the board, as early as 2009.

Our festivals target people of all ages with emphasis on today's youth who will become tomorrow's musicians, teachers, and purveyors of the instrument and the culture.

Festivals on O'ahu and outer island festivals at community shopping destinations typically include a steel guitar concert featuring many popular steel guitarists and groups. These festivals

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also include a “hands-on” experience opportunity for festival participants to become more acquainted with the steel guitar.

In addition to the main concert, festivals on the outer island resort venues also include a steel guitar exhibit, workshops, public "kanikapila" jam sessions, and opportunities for amateur and other steel guitarists not included in the main program to perform uncompensated in an Open Stage program to gain performance experience and develop stage presence. Outer island festivals may also include classroom presentations to local area schools. These presentations comprise a discussion of the history and importance of Hawaiian steel guitar in Hawaiian music and culture, a mini concert presentation featuring youth steel guitarists and musicians, and "hands-on" opportunities where classroom students can learn more about the instrument and actually try out the instrument under the guidance of youth steel guitar mentors.

While we paused our festivals during the pandemic, we have now resumed and even expanded our offering of live music festivals. Prior to the pandemic, HIMELE produced seven Hawaiian steel guitar festivals throughout the state: four festivals on O‘ahu and single festivals on Kaua‘i, Maui, and Hawai‘i Island.

With exception of the Maui festival we which we paused in 2023 due to the Lahaina wildfires, we have completed the resumption of all in-person festivals. We also added a ninth festival and the second on Hawai‘i Island, the Kona Steel Guitar Festival. We have also scaled down our livestreaming activities due to costs involved, and will livestream only selected festival concerts during 2024.

Our 2024 event schedule is:

February 17 – Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival at Ka Makana Ali'i Shopping Center, Kapolei

April 4-6 – Kona Steel Guitar Festival, Outrigger Kona Resort and Spa (livestreamed)

May 19 – Kaua‘i Steel Guitar Festival, Kukui Grove Shopping Center, Lihue (proposed)

June 8 – Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival at Windward Mall, Kāne‘ohe

July 18-13 – Waikīkī Steel Guitar Week, Royal Hawaiian Center, Waikīkī

July 12 – Japan-Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival, Royal Hawaiian Center, Waikīkī (livestreamed)

July 13 - Waikīkī Steel Guitar Festival, Royal Hawaiian Center, Waikīkī (livestreamed)

August 17 – Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival Keiki Kine at Kahala Mall, Waiālae-Kāhala

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October 18-19 – Maui Steel Guitar Festival, Outrigger Ka’anapali Beach Resort
(proposed/paused)

October 20 – Maui Steel Guitar Festival, Queen Ka’ahumanu Center, Kahului (proposed/paused)

December 12-15 – Hawai’i Island Steel Guitar Festival, Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection
(proposed)

Note: Outrigger Resorts has acquired both the former Ka’anapali Beach Hotel and the former Kaua’i Beach Resort. Outrigger Resorts has agreed to return the Maui festival to the Outrigger Ka’anapali Beach Resort (site of the Maui festival through 2018) and possibly relocate the Kaua’i festival from the Sheraton Coconut Beach Resort to the Outrigger Kaua’i Beach Resort. Planning discussions are ongoing.

All our events are offered to the public at no cost. We do this to maximize the exposure of Hawaiian music, culture, and the Hawaiian steel guitar. Our broadcasts have reached audiences all over the world, including viewers in Japan, India, Germany, and Australia. Each festival has its own website and Facebook page where we publicize our events. Our online newsletter Steel Trappings, which is designed as a resource for Hawaiian steel guitarists, also promotes the steel guitar and lists all our events and activities. Our Hawaiian Steel Guitar Symposium describes steel guitar seminars and workshops offered by HIMELE in Hawai’i, California, Japan, or wherever these might be offered.

We have found that many of today’s youth are unaware of the Hawaiian steel guitar or why it is important in Hawaiian music and culture. HIMELE focuses on youth education, and our plan is to publicize and promote the instrument as best as we can to as many people as we can so that it becomes as familiar as the ‘ukulele or slack key guitar.

HIMELE board members are responsible for all festival planning, production, and coordination. Our efforts are supplemented by parents and volunteers. HIMELE has no paid staff and relies upon and appreciates the support we get from our venue partners, private donations, Hawai’i State agencies, and the Dorcy Foundation to support production costs.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Hawai’i Tourism Authority and the Hawai’i State legislature, grant award opportunities have not been offered by the HTA for several years. Prior to this, the HTA was one of HIMELE’s major funding sources. Since this funding is no longer

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available, HIMELE has had to reprioritize and in some cases temporarily suspend the methods HIMELE uses to accomplish its mission.

For the 2024 year, we respectfully request that the Dorcy Foundation consider a grant support amount of \$20,000. HIMELE appreciates any consideration the Dorcy Foundation can give to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Addison Ching', written in a cursive style.

Addison Ching
Vice Chairman, HIMELE
addison@himele.org

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Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation Application Notes

1. Attached is a self-prepared (QuickBooks) Profit and Loss statement (equivalent of an Income Statement)
2. HIMELE uses Cash Accounting for bookkeeping so a Balance Sheet is not applicable.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 27 2015**

HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC
ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING
EXPERIENCES INC
1296 AUWAIKU STREET
KAILUA, HI 96734-0000

Employer Identification Number:
47-4459250
DLN:
26053637001075
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 12, 2015
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

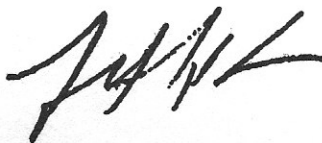
If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey I. Cooper". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and "C".

Jeffrey I. Cooper
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

2022 Exempt Org. Return
prepared for:

**HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC ENRICHMENT
AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE INC**
1296 AUWAIKU STREET
KAILUA, HI 96734

**EDWARD L. PUNUA, CPA, INC.
4268 RICE ST STE F
LIHUE, HI 96766
(808) 826-7223**

April 13, 2023

Hawaii Institute For Music Enrichment
and Learning Experience Inc
1296 Auwaiku Street
Kailua, HI 96734

Dear Client:

Your 2022 Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax will be electronically filed with the Internal Revenue Service upon receipt of a signed Form 8879-TE - IRS e-file Signature Authorization. No tax is payable with the filing of this return.

Please be sure to call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Edward Punua

Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2022**, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:	C	D Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE INC 1296 AUWAIKU STREET KAILUA, HI 96734	47-4459250
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		E Telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		(808) 375-9379
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		F Group Exemption Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____ **H** Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

I Website: [HTTPS://WWW.HIMELE.ORG/](https://www.himele.org/)

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ **67,428.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	67,428.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	67,428.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	267.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	503.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	16	65,880.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	66,650.	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	778.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	95,996.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	96,774.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990-EZ** (2022)

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V. SEE SCH O

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions.
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved.
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization.
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed: NONE

42a The organization's books are in care of: ALAN L. AKAKA Telephone no. (808) 263-7855
Located at: 1296 AUWAIKU STREET KAILUA HI ZIP + 4 96734

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)?
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year.

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.....	46	X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI.....

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.....	47	X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.....	48	X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?.....	49a	X
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?.....	49b	
50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000.....

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.....

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A..... **Yes** **No**

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	Date			
	ALAN AKAKA Type or print name and title	PRESIDENT			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	EDWARD PUNUA	EDWARD PUNUA	4/13/23		P00288535
	Firm's name	EDWARD L. PUNUA, CPA, INC.			
	Firm's address	4268 RICE ST STE F LIHUE, HI 96766			
				Firm's EIN	75-2978395
				Phone no.	(808) 826-7223

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions..... **Yes** **No**

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2022

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Name of the organization HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE INC	Employer identification number 47-4459250
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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 12, 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 (Form 990).)
- 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).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 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).** (Complete Part II.)
- 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).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 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, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(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 VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 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 2022 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	%
16a 33-1/3% support test—2022. 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.		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3% support test—2021. 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—2022. 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 VI 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—2021. 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 VI 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 10 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 year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")				53,196.	67,428.	120,624.
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.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	0.	0.	0.	53,196.	67,428.	120,624.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						120,624.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	0.	0.	0.	53,196.	67,428.	120,624.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						0.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	0.	0.	0.	53,196.	67,428.	120,624.

14 First 5 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 2022 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33-1/3% support tests—2022. 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—2021. 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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>	1	
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>	2	

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1	
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	2a		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>	3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>	3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Name of the organization **HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC ENRICHMENT
AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE INC**

Employer identification number
47-4459250

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16
OTHER EXPENSES**

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION.....	\$	1,638.
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS.....		825.
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.....		337.
GIFTS.....		50.
HAWAIIAN STEEL GUITR FESTIVALS.....		62,490.
LICENSES & PERMITS.....		4.
OFFICE EXPENSES.....		158.
UNIFORM.....		378.
	TOTAL	\$ 65,880.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

OUR PURPOSE IS TO EDUCATE, PROMOTE, AND PERPETUATE HAWAIIAN MUSIC, HAWAIIAN
CULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V - REGARDING TRANSFERS ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

(A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT?..... NO

(B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT?..... NO

01/04/24

HIMELE
Profit and Loss Standard
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec '23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grants	15,000.00
Program Income	8,500.00
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contribut...	<u>32,465.17</u>
Total Direct Public Support	32,465.17
Other Types of Income	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>705.42</u>
Total Other Types of Income	<u>705.42</u>
Total Income	<u>56,670.59</u>

01/04/24

HIMELE
Profit and Loss Standard
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec '23</u>
Gross Profit	56,670.59
Expense	
KONASGF	19,227.83
Donation	1,650.00
HSGF KAHALA	2,184.50
HSGF WWM	1,450.00
HISGF	17,502.18
WSGF	7,874.44
HSGF KAPOLEI	1,472.83
MSGF	1,869.79
KSGF	21,114.61
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and...	<u>460.00</u>

01/04/24

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January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec '23</u>
Total Other Types of Expen...	460.00
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	<u>2,129.84</u>
Total Contract Services	2,129.84
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	<u>15.50</u>
Total Business Expenses	15.50
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Refer...	119.88
Postage, Mailing Service	62.12
Supplies	<u>314.63</u>

01/04/24

HIMELE
Profit and Loss Standard
January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec '23</u>
Total Operations	496.63
Travel and Meetings	
Travel	146.80
Travel and Meetings - Other	<u>237.99</u>
Total Travel and Meetings	<u>384.79</u>
Total Expense	<u>77,832.94</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-21,162.35</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-21,162.35</u></u>

HIMELE	
01/04/24	Balance Sheet Standard As of December 31, 2023
	<u>Dec 31, '23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
GET	128.67
HSGShowcase	
Refreshments Reimburse...	1,555.75
HSGShowcase – Other	44,143.48
Total HSGShowcase	<u>45,699.23</u>
BOH 0279	<u>18,043.05</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>63,870.95</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>63,870.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>63,870.95</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Reimbursement	-13,200.37

HIMELE	
01/04/24	Balance Sheet Standard As of December 31, 2023
	Dec 31, '23
Loans from Officers, Direc...	1,500.00
Total Other Current Liabilit...	-11,700.37
Total Current Liabilities	-11,700.37
Total Liabilities	-11,700.37
Equity	
Retained Earnings	96,733.67
Net Income	-21,162.35
Total Equity	75,571.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	63,870.95

HIMELE 2023 Major Income Sources

Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) - \$15,000

Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation - \$15,000

Beutner Family Foundation - \$2,500

Private Donations - \$13,000