

IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

For calendar year 2023, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2023, and ending JUN 30, 2024

2023

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Name of filer WASHINGTON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY AVANT BARD THEATRE

EIN or SSN 54-1568294

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax EDGAR NDJATOU CHAIR

CLIENT COPY

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only.

Table with 4 columns: Line number, Description, Amount, and Label. Includes rows for Form 990, Form 990-EZ, Form 1120-POL, Form 990-PF, Form 8868, Form 990-T, Form 4720, Form 5227, Form 5330, and Form 8038-CP.

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that [X] I am an officer of the above entity or [ ] I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) ... and that I have examined a copy of the 2023 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

PIN: check one box only

[X] I authorize JOHN E. COCHRANE, CPA to enter my PIN 68294. ERO firm name. Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros.

as my signature on the tax year 2023 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

[ ] As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2023 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

CLIENT COPY

Date

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

54108307389

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2023 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature

Date

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Form 8879-TE (2023)

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

**2023**

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

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**A** For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2023**, and ending **JUN 30, 2024**

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**WASHINGTON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**  
**AVANT BARD THEATRE**  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**5712 WILSON BOULEVARD**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**ARLINGTON, VA 22205-1304**

**D** Employer identification number  
**54-1568294**

**E** Telephone number  
**(703) 418-4808**

**F** Group Exemption Number

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

**I** Website: **HTTPS://AVANTBARD.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 **\$ 90,825.**

**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

|            |  | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5a | 5b | 5c | 6a | 6b | 6c | 6d | 7a | 7b | 7c | 8       | 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
|------------|--|--|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Revenue    | 1  | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 78,154.  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 2  | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 12,671.  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 3  | Membership dues and assessments  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 4  | Investment income  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 5a   | Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | b  | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | c  | Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 6  | Gaming and fundraising events:   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | a  | Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 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) |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| c          | Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| d          | Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 7a         | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances  |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| b          | Less: cost of goods sold   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| c          | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)                     |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8          | Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 9          | <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8                                      |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 90,825. |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Expenses   | 10   | Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 11   | Benefits paid to or for members  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 12   | Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 14,500.  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 13   | Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 47,931.  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 14   | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 617.     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 15   | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 16   | Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <b>SEE SCHEDULE O</b>  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 25,584.  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 17         | <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 88,632. |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Net Assets | 18   | Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 2,193.   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 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)   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | -18,179. |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 20   | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | 0.       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|            | 21   | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |         | -15,986. |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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**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 Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V

|     |   | Yes   | No  |
|-----|---|---|-----|
| 33  | Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O   |   | X   |
| 34  | Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions   |   | X   |
| 35a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?  |   | X   |
| b   | If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O   | N/A   |     |
| c   | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III  |   | X   |
| 36  | Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N   |   | X   |
| 37a | Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions  | 37a   | 0.  |
| b   | Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?  | 37b   | X   |
| 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?   | 38a   | X   |
| b   | If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved   | 38b   | N/A |
| 39  | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:   |   |     |
| a   | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9  | 39a   | N/A |
| b   | Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities   | 39b   | N/A |
| 40a | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:<br>section 4911 0.; section 4912 0.; section 4955 0.  |   |     |
| b   | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | 40b   | X   |
| c   | 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  |   | 0.  |
| d   | Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization  |   | 0.  |
| e   | All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T  | 40e   | X   |
| 41  | List the states with which a copy of this return is filed   | VA  |     |
| 42a | The organization's books are in care of   | SARA BARKER Telephone no. (703) 418-4808                |     |
|     | Located at:   | 5712 WILSON BOULEVARD, ARLINGTON, VA ZIP + 4 22205-1304 |     |
| 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)?  | 42b   | X   |
|     | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country   |   |     |
|     | See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).  |   |     |
| c   | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?  | 42c   | X   |
|     | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country   |   |     |
| 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   | 43  | N/A |
| 44a | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ  | 44a   | X   |
| b   | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ   | 44b   | X   |
| c   | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?  | 44c   | X   |
| d   | If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O   | 44d   |     |
| 45a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?   | 45a   | X   |
| b   | Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions   | 45b   | X   |

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

**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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? Yes No  
 If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II 47

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a    
 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                                |  |  |   |  |
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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." NONE


| (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
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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 EDGAR NDJATOU, CHAIR Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only** Print/Type preparer's name JOHN E. COCHRANE Preparer's signature  Date 4-24-25 Check  if self-employed PTIN P00095222  
 Firm's name JOHN E. COCHRANE, CPA Firm's EIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's address 3309 DUKE STREET Phone no. (703) 671-6008  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-4522

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



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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")  |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf   |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge   |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3  |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>5</b> 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) |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.  |          |          |          |          |          |           |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)   | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total                |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| <b>7</b> Amounts from line 4  |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources  |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on   |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)   |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10   |          |          |          |          |          |                          |
| <b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)   |          |          |          |          | 12       |                          |
| <b>13 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> |          |          |          |          |          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

|   |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| <b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))   | 14                       | % |
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14  | 15                       | % |
| <b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| <b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| <b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2022.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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"/> |   |

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**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) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")   | 211,952. | 150,011. | 176,530. | 125,982. | 71,586.  | 736,061.  |
| <b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513   |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf  |          |          |          | 24,428.  | 12,671.  | 37,099.   |
| <b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge  |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5   | 211,952. | 150,011. | 176,530. | 150,410. | 84,257.  | 773,160.  |
| <b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year           |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b  |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)  |          |          |          |          |          | 773,160.  |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)  | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>9</b> Amounts from line 6   | 211,952. | 150,011. | 176,530. | 150,410. | 84,257.  | 773,160.  |
| <b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975                           |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b   |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on      |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)                                  |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)   | 211,952. | 150,011. | 176,530. | 150,410. | 84,257.  | 773,160.  |

**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**

|   |    |          |
|---|----|----------|
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | 100.00 % |
| <b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15                       | 16 | %        |

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

|  |    |       |
|--|----|-------|
| <b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | .00 % |
| <b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17                         | 18 | %     |

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023.** 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 - 2022.** 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

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**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 |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>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.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>   |     |    |
| <b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>b</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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>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.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> 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)? <i>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.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>5a</b> Was the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i> |     |    |
| <b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?   |     |    |
| <b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?  |     |    |
| <b>6</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>7</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>  |     |    |
| <b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>  |     |    |
| <b>9a</b> 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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>10a</b> 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)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>   |     |    |

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

|  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  |     |    |
| <b>a</b> 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? |     |    |
| <b>b</b> A family member of a person described on line 11a above?  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.                                     |     |    |

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

|  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>1</b> 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? 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. |     |    |
| <b>2</b> 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? 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.   |     |    |

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

|   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>1</b> 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)? 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). |     |    |

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

|   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>1</b> 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? |     |    |
| <b>2</b> 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? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).  |     |    |
| <b>3</b> 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? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.   |     |    |

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).   |  |  |
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.   |  |  |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.  |  |  |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).  |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.  |  |  |
| <b>a</b> 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? 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. |  |  |
| <b>b</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? 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.  |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.  |  |  |
| <b>a</b> 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? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.   |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.   |  |  |

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**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                               | <b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (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                                | <b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)   | 1d             |                             |
| e                                | <b>Discount</b> 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                                | <b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (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                                | <b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).   | 6 |              |
| 7                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions). |   |              |

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

| Section D - Distributions |  | Current Year |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1                         | Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes  | 1            |
| 2                         | Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity      | 2            |
| 3                         | Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations  | 3            |
| 4                         | Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets  | 4            |
| 5                         | Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)   | 5            |
| 6                         | Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.   | 6            |
| 7                         | <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.  | 7            |
| 8                         | Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions. | 8            |
| 9                         | Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6   | 9            |
| 10                        | Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount   | 10           |

| Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) | (i)<br>Excess Distributions   | (ii)<br>Underdistributions<br>Pre-2023 | (iii)<br>Distributable<br>Amount for 2023 |
|---|---|--|---|
| 1   | Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6  |  |   |
| 2   | Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.   |  |   |
| 3   | Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023   |  |   |
| a   | From 2018   |  |   |
| b   | From 2019   |  |   |
| c   | From 2020   |  |   |
| d   | From 2021   |  |   |
| e   | From 2022   |  |   |
| f   | <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e   |  |   |
| g   | Applied to underdistributions of prior years  |  |   |
| h   | Applied to 2023 distributable amount  |  |   |
| i   | Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)  |  |   |
| j   | Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.  |  |   |
| 4   | Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$   |  |   |
| a   | Applied to underdistributions of prior years  |  |   |
| b   | Applied to 2023 distributable amount  |  |   |
| c   | Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.  |  |   |
| 5   | Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions. |  |   |
| 6   | Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.                        |  |   |
| 7   | <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2024.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.   |  |   |
| 8   | Breakdown of line 7:  |  |   |
| a   | Excess from 2019  |  |   |
| b   | Excess from 2020  |  |   |
| c   | Excess from 2021  |  |   |
| d   | Excess from 2022  |  |   |
| e   | Excess from 2023  |  |   |

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**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.)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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<br><b>WASHINGTON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY<br/>AVANT BARD THEATRE</b> | Employer identification number<br><b>54-1568294</b> |
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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:**

| DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:       | AMOUNT:        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| ACCOUNTING                           | 8,611.         |
| BOOKKEEPING                          | 2,595.         |
| BANK CHARGES                         | 197.           |
| INSURANCE                            | 1,752.         |
| MARKETING                            | 2,211.         |
| REGISTERED AGENT                     | 194.           |
| TAXES AND LICENSES                   | 1,325.         |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                      | 167.           |
| ZOOM                                 | 168.           |
| DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS               | 154.           |
| STORAGE AND MOVING OF PROPS &C       | 2,096.         |
| PAYROLL TAXES                        | 4,597.         |
| DEPRECIATION                         | 1,517.         |
| <b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16</b> | <b>25,584.</b> |

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:**

| DESCRIPTION                          | BEG. OF YEAR  | END OF YEAR |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| DEPOSITS                             | 250.          | 250.        |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE                  | 487.          | 0.          |
| OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS             | 1,517.        | 0.          |
| <b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24</b> | <b>2,254.</b> | <b>250.</b> |

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:**

| DESCRIPTION | BEG. OF YEAR | END OF YEAR |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|-------------|--------------|-------------|

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| Name of the organization | WASHINGTON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY<br>AVANT BARD THEATRE | Employer identification number<br>54-1568294 |
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 22,925. 23,945.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - FOUNDED IN 1990 AS WASHINGTON SHAKESPEARE COMPANY, AVANT BARD THEATRE IS A PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PRODUCING CLASSIC WORKS, BOTH TIME-TESTED AND CONTEMPORARY--EMPHASIZING A PROVOCATIVE BOLD APPROACH IN AN INTIMATE SETTING, AND SHOWCASING THE BEST EMERGING TALENT IN THE REGION MENTORED BY SEASONED, PROFESSIONAL THEATRE ARTISTS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT. THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.