Financial Statements
As of June 30, 2024 and 2023
and for the Years Then Ended
Together with Independent Auditors' Report



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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors Jazz Education Network Chicago, Illinois

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jazz Education Network, (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of activities and change in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Jazz Education Network as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Jazz Education Network and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Jazz Education Network's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Jazz Education Network's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Jazz Education Network's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

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Draper, UT April 7, 2025

Jazz Education Network Statement of Financial Position As of June 30,

<u>Assets</u>	 2024	2023		
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 361,013	\$	176,399	
Accounts receivable	19,249		33,650	
Pledge receivables	1,959		3,432	
Short-term investments	105,868		96,412	
Prepaid expenses	7,846		8,785	
Other current assets	 -		3,072	
Total assets	\$ 495,935	\$	321,750	
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 3,312	\$	4,488	
Accrued Liabilities	25,254		13,958	
Deferred revenue	 38,500		45,230	
Total liabilities	67,066		63,676	
Net assets:				
Without donor restrictions	319,434		161,662	
With donor restrictions	 109,435		96,412	
Total net assets	428,869		258,074	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 495,935	\$	321,750	

Jazz Education Network Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2024

	 out Donor trictions	th Donor strictions	Total
Revenues and support: Grants Membership dues Special events Contributions Other income	\$ 66,980 248,388 406,767 8,288 6,445	\$ - - - 18,000 17,623	\$ 66,980 248,388 406,767 26,288 24,068
	736,868	35,623	772,491
Net assets released from restrictions Restrictions satisfied	 22,600	(22,600)	
Total revenues and support	 759,468	13,023	 772,491
Expenses: Program services Supporting services:	457,172	-	457,172
Management and general Fundraising	108,526 35,998	 -	 108,526 35,998
Total expenses	601,696	_	601,696
Increase (decrease) in net assets	 157,772	13,023	 170,795
Net assets, beginning of the year	 161,662	96,412	258,074
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 319,434	\$ 109,435	\$ 428,869

Jazz Education Network Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets Year Ended June 30, 2023

		out Donor trictions	th Donor strictions	Total
Revenues and support: Grants Membership dues Special events Contributions Other income	\$	205,263 220,006 61,585 12,766	\$ 46,000 - 16,455 - -	\$ 46,000 205,263 236,461 61,585 12,766
		499,620	62,455	562,075
Net assets released from restrictions Restrictions satisfied		74,325	(74,325)	
Total revenues and support		573,945	(11,870)	562,075
Expenses: Program services Supporting services:		483,869	-	483,869
Management and general Fundraising		100,142 66,312	<u>-</u>	100,142 66,312
Total expenses		650,323	 	650,323
Increase (decrease) in net assets		(76,378)	 (11,870)	(88,248)
Net assets, beginning of the year		238,040	108,282	346,322
Net assets, end of the year	\$	161,662	\$ 96,412	\$ 258,074

Jazz Education Network Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functional expenses:	P	rogram	nagement I General	Fun	ndraising	E	Total xpenses
Salaries and related expenses	\$	122,311	\$ 25,037	\$	29,246	\$	176,594
Event production expenses		191,199	8,435		-		199,634
Travel and meeting expenses		75,012	3,103		2,736		80,851
Professional services		2,244	17,184		-		19,428
Awards and grants		33,734	-		-		33,734
Supplies		13,376	8,331		1,747		23,454
Marketing		13,073	10,622		1,638		25,333
Bank Fees		1,487	21,199		48		22,734
Office expenses		4,736	2,115		583		7,434
Loss on Law Suit			 12,500				12,500
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of activities and change in net assets	\$	457,172	\$ 108,526	\$	35,998	\$	601,696

Jazz Education Network Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functional expenses:	P	rogram	nagement I General	Fun	ndraising	E	Total xpenses
Salaries and related expenses	\$	132,945	\$ 36,407	\$	46,335	\$	215,687
Event production expenses		186,846	-		-		186,846
Travel and meeting expenses		83,705	7,010		472		91,187
Professional services		45,405	-		-		45,405
Awards and grants		10,817	32,530		1,417		44,764
Supplies		12,823	3,649		8,175		24,647
Marketing		9,702	1,752		7,888		19,342
Bank Fees		732	14,760		14		15,506
Office expenses		894	4,034		2,011		6,939
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of activities and change in net assets	_\$	483,869	\$ 100,142	\$	66,312	\$	650,323

Jazz Education Network Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30,

	 2024	 2023
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Increase in net assets	\$ 170,795	\$ (88,248)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts & Pledge receivables	15,874	(24,757)
Prepaid expenses	939	(2,055)
Short-term investments	(9,456)	(9,469)
Other assets	3,072	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(1,176)	2,286
Accrued Liabilities	11,296	13,958
Deferred revenue	 (6,730)	 18,540
Net cash used by operating activities	 184,614	 (89,745)
Net change in cash	184,614	(89,745)
Cash at beginning of the year	 176,399	 266,144
Cash at end of the year	\$ 361,013	\$ 176,399

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Organization
and Summary of
Significant
Accounting
Policies

Organization - Jazz Education Network (the "Organization") is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation formed in 2008 to provide jazz education, promote performance and develop new audiences. The Organization has two major programs, which are hosting the annual jazz conference and providing scholarships. Funding for these services is derived from membership dues, donations, merchandise sales and the annual conference. The Organization hosts the annual conference with concerts presented by students and professionals, a student jazz festival, workshops, research presentations and an exhibition area with manufacturers, retailers, schools, and other jazz related organizations. The Organization operates remotely, gathering in a new location every year for the annual conference.

Cash Equivalents - The Organization considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, which are neither held for nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes, to be cash equivalents. Cash and highly liquid financial instruments restricted to building projects, permanent endowment, or other long-term purposes are excluded from this definition.

Receivables - Receivables are carried at their estimated collectible amounts. Both accounts receivable and pledge receivables are unsecured. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023 the Organization had \$19,249 and \$33,650 in accounts receivable, and \$1,959 and \$3,432 in pledge receivables, respectively. The Organization has allocated \$0 in allowance for doubtful accounts.

Property and Equipment - Property and equipment purchased by the Organization are capitalized at cost. The fair value of donated furniture and equipment is similarly capitalized. Depreciation expense is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statement of activities for the period. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Net Assets - Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and Board of Directors.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to restrictions imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates the funds be maintained in perpetuity. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization had \$109,435 and \$96,412 of net assets with donor restrictions, respectively.

The Organization reports contributions as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition - Revenue is recognized when earned. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Organization
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(continued)

Donated Services - Volunteers contribute significant amounts of time to program services, administration, and fundraising and development activities; however, the financial statements do not reflect the value of these contributed services because they do not meet recognition criteria prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles.

Reclassifications - Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on previously reported total net assets, or changes in net assets.

Specifically, the reclassifications relate to the presentation of restricted and unrestricted net assets, as well as the classification of pledge receivables and accounts receivable. These changes were made to enhance financial statement clarity and consistency in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Functional Allocation of Expenses - The financial statements contain certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. The expenses include salaries and related expenses, event production expenses, travel and meeting expenses, professional services, awards and grants, supplies, marketing bank fees, office expenses, and Loss on Law Suit, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Income Taxes - The Organization is organized as an Illinois nonprofit corporation and has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3), qualifying for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and has been determined not to be a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1). The Organization is annually required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS. In addition, the Organization is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to its exempt purposes. The Organization has determined it is not subject to unrelated business income tax and has not filed an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) with the IRS.

The Organization believes they have appropriate support for any tax positions taken affecting its annual filing requirements, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. The Organization would recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities in income tax expense if such interest and penalties are incurred.

Advertising - Advertising costs are expensed as they are incurred, for the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Organization incurred \$13,784 and \$15,098 of advertising costs, respectively.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be material.

Special Event Revenue - Special events revenue is comprised of an exchange element based upon the direct benefits donors receive and a contribution element for the difference. We recognize special events revenue equal to the fair value of direct benefits to donors when the special event takes place. We recognize the contribution element of special event revenue immediately, unless there is a right of return if the special event does not take place.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred Revenue - Deferred revenue consists of advance payments received for the upcoming annual Jazz Conference, including admissions, booth rentals, and other related fees. As the Organization has an ongoing performance obligation to host the event, these amounts are recognized as deferred revenue until the conference occurs. Revenue is recognized in the period in which the related services are provided and the performance obligation is satisfied, in accordance with applicable revenue recognition standards.

Note 2 -Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the date of the statement of financial position comprise the following:

	 June 30, 2024		une 30, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 361,013	\$	176,399
Accounts receivable	19,249		33,650
Pledge receivables	1,959		3,432
Short-term investments	105,868		96,412
Less: Donor restricted cash and cash			
equivalents	 (109,435)		(96,412)
	\$ 378,654	\$	213,481

The Organization primarily relies on donations and secondarily on other revenue sources to fund its operations. The Organization's management monitors its liquidity and cash flow needs through the use of a budget and projections to help ensure that cash inflows are sufficient to cover projected cash outflows. The accompanying statement of cash flows identifies the sources and uses of the Organization's cash and the positive cash flows generated from operating activities during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Note 3- Fair Value Measurements

The Organization follows a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Organization uses the following valuation techniques to measure fair value for its assets and liabilities:

- Level 1 The fair value of marketable securities is based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities:
- Level 2 Significant other observable inputs (e.g. quoted prices for similar items in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar items in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable such as interest rate and yield curves, and market-corroborated inputs);
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are valued based on management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

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Note 3- Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table provides financial assets carried at fair value as of fiscal year end:

As of June 30, 2024:

Total investments

	Level 1	Leve	ls 2 & 3	Total
Balanced Index Funds	\$ 105,868	\$	-	\$ 105,868
Total investments	\$ 105,868	\$	-	\$ 105,868
As of June 30, 2023:	Level 1	Leve	ls 2 & 3	Total
Balanced Index Funds	\$ 96.412	\$	_	\$ 96.412

\$

96,412

\$

2024

2022

Activity of the investments consisted of the following during the year ended June 31:

	2024	 2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 96,412	\$ 86,943
Investment return, net	17,624	9,469
Distributions	(8,168)	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 105,868	\$ 96,412

Note 4 -**Endowment Fund**

In 2018, the Board of Directors of the Organization approved the establishment of an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, to be awarded in perpetuity in honor of Jamey Aebersold. Mr. Aebersold has made significant contributions to the jazz community for over fifty years, advocating for jazz education through summer camps, clinics, publications, and the global distribution of educational jazz materials.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of this scholarship, the Board initiated a fundraising effort with a targeted goal of \$100,000 to establish an endowment. As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, the endowment consists of all investments held by the Organization, all of which are subject to donor restrictions requiring that the principal be maintained in perpetuity, with investment earnings available solely to fund the scholarship and a 15% scholarship administrative fee in accordance with the organization's spending policy.

The endowment is managed in accordance with the Illinois-adopted Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). Under UPMIFA, the organization follows a prudent investment and spending policy that seeks to preserve the purchasing power of the endowment while providing sustainable distributions. The Board evaluates relevant economic factors, expected total return, and the needs of the organization when determining annual appropriations for expenditure. Endowment assets are classified as net assets with donor restrictions in accordance with ASC 958-205, Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities.

Note 5 -Property and equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of June 30,:

	 		2023
Office equipment	\$ 2,545	\$	2,545
Less: Accumulated depreciation	 (2,545)		(2,545)
Property and equipment, net	\$ -	\$	-

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$0 for both years.

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Note 6 - Accrued liabilities

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following as of June 30,

	 2024		2023
Accrued expenses	\$ 1,218	\$	-
Accrued payroll liabilities	11,536		13,958
Accrued legal loss	12,500		-
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 25,254	\$	13,958

Note 7 - Commitments

The Organization signs long-term contracts with various hotels and vendors for future annual conferences in order to stabilize pricing with essential suppliers.

In the event of cancellation of any future conference through 2027, the Organization is obligated to pay hotel cancellation fees. The cancellation fees depend on the date when the written cancellation notice is provide to the hotel and other factors listed in the hotel agreements. In the event of not meeting the minimum contracted number of room bookings, the Organization is also obligated to pay additional fees listed in the hotel agreements.

The organization is obligated under a five-year agreement with an agency for audio visual services for each annual conference until January 2027. Obligations for the future commitments for the audio visual services are as follows:

 Year	An	nount
 2025		99,991
2026		99,991
2027		99,991
	\$	299,973

Note 8 - Board Member Donations

During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, members of the Organization's Board of Directors collectively contributed \$4,484 and \$15,732 in monetary donations to the Organization, respectively.

Note 9 - Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Note 9 - Net Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following as of June 30, 2024:

	ginning alance	Additions	R	eleases	Ending Balance
Jamey Aebersold Endowment Scholarship Funding	96,412 -	17,623 18,000		(4,600) (18,000)	109,435 -
Total net assets with donor	\$ 96,412	\$ 35,623	\$	(22,600)	\$ 109,435

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023:

	ginning alance	Additions	R	Releases	Ending salance
Jamey Aebersold Endowment	86,943	9,469		-	96,412
Scholarship Funding	-	18,000		(18,000)	
Total net assets with donor	\$ 86,943	\$ 27,469	\$	(18,000)	\$ 96,412

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 10 -Endowment Fund Withdrawals and Subsequent Correction

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Organization withdrew \$8,168 from its investment account to cover previously unfunded scholarship disbursements and related administrative fees. The intended withdrawal amount was \$4,600, representing four years of previously awarded scholarships and a 15% administrative fee. However, due to an administrative oversight, management inadvertently withdrew an excess amount, resulting in an overdraw of \$3,568 beyond the intended disbursement.

To correct this error, management transferred \$3,568 back into the investment account on March 24, 2025. As a result, as of June 30, 2024, \$3,568 of endowment-related funds are classified as net assets with donor restrictions, but are reflected in cash balances rather than investment balances on the balance sheet.

The Organization continues to evaluate its internal controls over endowment fund management to ensure future withdrawals are executed in accordance with the Organization's spending policy and the Illinois Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Note 11 - Legal Settlement

Subsequent to the fiscal year-end, the Organization settled a lawsuit with Grand Sierra Hotel and Casino (GSH) related to a prior contractual commitment. The Organization had previously entered into a contract with GSH to host its annual conference at the venue in both 2019 and 2023. The Organization fulfilled its commitment for the 2019 conference but later determined that the venue was unsuitable for children and elected not to return in 2023. Attempts to notify GSH of this decision were unsuccessful.

In fiscal year 2024, GSH's new legal counsel pursued a claim against the Organization for breach of contract regarding the unfulfilled 2023 commitment. The case was settled for \$12,500, which has been accrued under accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. This amount was paid after fiscal year end.

Note 12 -Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued. The Organization is not aware of any subsequent event which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.