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### YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

**JUNE 30, 2023** 



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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors for Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) (the Organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Prior Period Financial Statements**

The financial statements of Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2022 were audited by other auditors whose report dated February 3, 2023 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United 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 the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditors' 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 and *Government 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 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 and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 the Organization'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 the Organization'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.

### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2024 on our consideration of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in considering the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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March 29, 2024





# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

### **ASSETS**

	2023			2022
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$	336,072	\$	397,045
Accounts receivable, net		111,455		177,819
Grants receivable		760,722		526,053
Contract receivable		94,429		71,765
Due from related party		1,068,453		921,323
Investments		546,282		489,860
Beneficial interest in assets held by others		29,608	-	28,660
Total assets	\$	2,947,021	\$	2,612,525
LIABILITIES AND NET	AS	<u>SETS</u>		
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	275,003	\$	233,355
Due to related party		128,356		83,734
Total liabilities		403,359		317,089
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions		2,514,054		2,266,776
With donor restrictions		29,608		28,660
Total net assets		2,543,662		2,295,436
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	2,947,021	\$	2,612,525

## YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

				2023		2022					
		Without		th Donor			Without		th Donor		
	Dono	r Restictions	Re	strictions	 Total	Dono	or Restictions	Res	strictions	Total	
Revenues and support:											
Program fees	\$	3,248,288	\$	-	\$ 3,248,288	\$	3,141,738	\$	-	\$	3,141,738
Contract revenue		241,290		-	241,290		482,223		-		482,223
Federal grants		1,330,747		-	1,330,747		1,309,317		-		1,309,317
Contributions		550,440		-	550,440		198,506		-		198,506
Investment income (loss), net		56,662		-	56,662		(56,458)		-		(56,458)
Beneficial interest income (loss), net		-		2,149	2,149		-		(2,761)		(2,761)
Miscellaneous revenue		14,981		-	14,981		24,873		-		24,873
Paycheck Protection Program income		-		-	-		10,799		-		10,799
Net assets released from restrictions		1,201		(1,201)	 		1,152		(1,152)		
Total revenues and support		5,443,609		948	 5,444,557		5,112,150		(3,913)		5,108,237
Expenses:											
Program services		4,333,369		-	4,333,369		4,386,497		-		4,386,497
Supporting services:											
Management and general		575,028		-	575,028		588,574		-		588,574
Fundraising		287,934		-	 287,934		257,574		-		257,574
Total expenses		5,196,331			 5,196,331		5,232,645				5,232,645
Change in net assets		247,278		948	248,226		(120,495)		(3,913)		(124,408)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,266,776		28,660	2,295,436		2,387,271		32,573		2,419,844
NET ASSETS AT END OF THE YEAR	\$	2,514,054	\$	29,608	\$ 2,543,662	\$	2,266,776	\$	28,660	\$	2,295,436

# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023							
				Supportin	g Serv			
		Program	Ma	nagement				
		Services	&	General	_Fι	ındraising		Total
Personnel expenses		_						
Salaries and benefits	\$	2,327,853	\$	373,606	\$	172,434	\$	2,873,893
Professional services		1,421,431		45,364		45,365		1,512,160
Payroll taxes		165,797		26,610		12,281		204,688
Total personnel expenses		3,915,081		445,580		230,080		4,590,741
Other expenses								
Accounting and legal		57,434		50,932		-		108,366
Advertising		7,186		-		1,796		8,982
Community outreach		4,310		616		3,870		8,796
Computer/website		18,888		-		7,345		26,233
Cooperative funding		-		17,700		-		17,700
Dues/memberships/subscriptions		6,545		-		4,364		10,909
Field trips and transportation		149,652		-		-		149,652
Fundraising activities		-		-		25,844		25,844
Insurance		-		5,905		-		5,905
Interest and bank charges		-		6,236		-		6,236
Miscellaneous		-		7,684		-		7,684
Office supplies		-		9,962		-		9,962
Parking		-		111		-		111
Postage		647		324		323		1,294
Program supplies		146,892		-		-		146,892
Rent		10,004		13,642		6,669		30,315
Staff/board development		-		8,692		-		8,692
Telephone		4,283		3,495		3,494		11,272
Travel/conferences		12,447		4,149		4,149		20,745
Total other expenses		418,288		129,448		57,854		605,590
Total expenses	\$	4,333,369	\$	575,028	\$	287,934	\$	5,196,331

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# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2022							
	1		Supporting Services					
	F	Program	Ma	nagement				
	9	Services		General	Fu	ndraising		Total
Personnel expenses	1							
Salaries and benefits	\$	2,172,730	\$	348,710	\$	160,943	\$	2,682,383
Professional services		1,668,767		53,259		53,259		1,775,285
Payroll taxes		152,985		24,553		11,333		188,871
Total personnel expenses		3,994,482		426,522		225,535		4,646,539
Other expenses								
Accounting and legal		82,120		73,991		-		156,111
Advertising		22,575		, -		5,644		28,219
Community outreach		2,640		377		2,370		5,387
Computer/website		9,680		-		3,764		13,444
Cooperative funding		, <u>-</u>		17,500		-		17,500
Dues/memberships/subscriptions		864		-		576		1,440
Field trips and transportation		28,944		-		-		28,944
Fundraising activities		-		-		3,247		3,247
Insurance		-		4,218		-		4,218
Interest and bank charges		-		2,587		-		2,587
Miscellaneous		-		8,673		-		8,673
Office supplies		-		19,086		-		19,086
Parking		-		169		-		169
Postage		726		362		362		1,450
Program supplies		212,275		-		-		212,275
Rent		10,329		14,084		6,885		31,298
Staff/board development		-		11,814		-		11,814
Teacher recruitment		-		· <u>-</u>		-		-
Telephone		3,948		3,220		3,220		10,388
Travel/conferences		17,914		5,971		5,971		29,856
Total other expenses		392,015		162,052		32,039		586,106
Total expenses	\$	4,386,497	\$	588,574	\$	257,574	\$	5,232,645

# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Change in net assets	\$ 248,226	\$	(124,408)	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets				
to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Investment and beneficial interest income (loss)	(58,571)		59,219	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	66,364		(59,464)	
Grants receivable	(234,669)		97,334	
Contracts receivable	(22,664)		52,534	
Due from/to related party	(102,508)		(222,165)	
Accounts payable	41,648		39,244	
Refundable advance - Paycheck Protection Program	 		(10,799)	
Net cash (used in) operating activities	 (62,174)		(168,505)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Proceeds from withdrawal of investment	 1,201		1,152	
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,201		1,152	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(60,973)		(167,353)	
Cash, beginning of year	 397,045		564,398	
Cash, end of year	\$ 336,072	\$	397,045	

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Organization**

Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. (the Organization), a nonprofit organization, was incorporated in the State of Louisiana in 1962 with the mission of inspiring, empowering, and uniting children through education, arts, and culture. The Organization presents cultural and educational activities, primarily workshops, plays, and concerts, for students and teachers throughout southeast Louisiana.

### Basis of Accounting and Presentation of Net Assets

The accompanying financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP), which require the Organization to report its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor (or grantor) 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 the board of directors.

*Net assets with donor restrictions:* Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Contributions restricted by donors are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restrictions are accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could different from those estimates, and those differences could be material.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts on deposit at financial institutions. The Organization considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, except for those amounts that are held in the investment portfolio which are invested for long-term purposes. There were no cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

### Receivables

Receivables, consisting of accounts receivable, grants receivable, contract receivable, and due from related party, are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Organization determines the allowance for uncollectable receivables based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Receivables are written off when deemed uncollectable. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Organization recorded a net of an allowance of uncollectable receivables of \$5,985 and \$0, respectively.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Receivables were as follows at:

### Investments

Investment purchases are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Net investment income (loss) consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external investment expenses.

Net investment income (loss) earned on donor restricted net assets which are perpetual in nature is recorded in the statements of activities as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or law.

### Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others

The Organization has been named as an irrevocable beneficiary of a perpetual trust held and administered by an independent trustee. At the date the Organization receives notice of a beneficial interest, a contribution with donor restrictions of a perpetual nature is recorded in the statements of activities, and a beneficial interest in assets held by others is recorded in the statements of financial position at the fair value of the underlying trust assets. Thereafter, the beneficial interest in the trust is reported at the fair value of the trusts' assets in the statements of financial position, with trust distributions and changes in fair value recognized in the statements of activities.

### Income Taxes

The Organization is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. The Organization is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and qualifies as an organization that is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code.

The Organization has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status; to identify and report unrelated income; to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it has nexus; and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions.

The Organization has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

### Revenue and Revenue Recognition

The Organization recognizes program fees and contract revenue when the programs are recognized over the program period as the services are provided and the performance obligations have been satisfied.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenues from federal grants are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Revenue is recognized when the Organization has met the performance requirements and/or incurred expenditures in compliance with specific grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the statements of financial position.

Contributions and revenues from non-federal grants and donors are recognized when cash, securities, or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of beneficial interest is received. Conditional contributions – that is, those with measurable performance or other barriers and right of return (or release) are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements 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. Expenses are charged directly to program or support services categories based on specific identification where possible. Key expense categories have been allocated using the following methodologies: salaries and employee-related expenses – time and effort; rent and insurance – management's estimates and usage of the leased premises.

### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the current year presentation.

### Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. This accounting standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities related to lease arrangements longer than 12 months on the balance sheet as well as additional disclosures. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, *Leases* (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements, to simplify the lease standard's implementation. On June 3, 2020, the FASB deferred the effective date of this standard for certain entities. This standard is effective for the Organization's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The adoption of this standard had no significant impact on the Organization.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 2. Liquidity and Availability

The table below presents the Organization's financial assets available for general expenditures within one year at June 30:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash	\$ 336,072	\$ 397,045
Accounts and other receivables	2,035,059	1,696,960
Investments	546,282	489,860
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	29,608	28,660
Total financial assets	2,947,021	2,612,525
Less: amounts not available to be used within one year for general expenditures:		
Assets with donor restrictions	29,608	28,660
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures		
within one year	\$ 2,917,413	\$ 2,583,865

The Organization's goal is to maintain financial assets at a level equal to 90-120 days of its operating expenses (approximately \$1,300,000-\$1,700,000). As part of the Organization's liquidity management plan, any large, long-term excess cash may be invested.

### 3. Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others

The Organization maintains a beneficial interest in assets at the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF). The beneficial interest is an investment pool managed by Cambridge Associates, who monitor investment returns for the beneficial interest. The amount available for distribution is equal to 4% of the previous twelve quarters average beneficial interest balance, with September 30<sup>th</sup> of the previous year being the most recent quarter. See Note 4 for further information on the market value of the beneficial interest.

### 4. Fair Value Measurements

FASB authoritative guidance for fair value measurements defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the guidance are described below:

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

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual funds, equities, and exchange traded and closed ended funds (ETFs and CEFs): Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities or commodities are traded.

Beneficial interest: Valued based on the fair value of fund investments as reported by GNOF.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets at fair value, except those measured at cost, as of June 30, 2023:

	 Level 1	Le	evel 2	L	_evel 3	 Total
Mutual funds	\$ 148,651	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 148,651
Equities	340,331		-		-	340,331
ETFs and CEFs	29,892		-		-	29,892
Beneficial interest	 		-		29,608	29,608
	\$ 518,874	\$	-	\$	29,608	548,482
Cash, at cost						27,408
						\$ 575,890

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets at fair value, except those measured at cost, as of June 30, 2022:

Level 1		Level 2	L	evel 3		Total
\$ 135,755	\$	-	\$	-	\$	135,755
326,272		-		-		326,272
6,720		-		-		6,720
-		-		28,660		28,660
\$ 468,747	\$	-	\$	28,660		497,407
						21,113
					\$	518,520
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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the years ended June 30:

	 2023	2022
Beneficial interest, beginning of year	\$ 28,660	\$ 32,573
Beneficial interest income (loss), net	2,149	(2,761)
Distributions	 (1,201)	(1,152)
Beneficial interest, end of year	\$ 29,608	\$ 28,660

### 5. Cooperative Funding Expense

The national Young Audiences organization computes the Organization's share of cooperative funding expense based upon their eligible revenues compared to revenues of all chapters. Cooperative funding for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$17,700 and \$17,500, respectively.

### 6. Leases

The Organization has lease agreements for the rental of office space and office equipment. All leases are considered short term leases. There is no ROU asset and related lease liability as of July 1, 2022 or for the years ended June 30, 2023.

### 7. Concentrations and Credit Risk

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Organization received 24% and 26%, respectively, of its revenues and 37% and 31% of its receivables, respectively, from federal grants. The Organization's other significant source of revenue is from a related party. See Note 8.

The Organization manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash with financial institutions believed to be creditworthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits. To date, the Organization has not experienced losses in any of these accounts.

### 8. Related Party Transactions

The Organization provides arts and education programs services along with management oversight and staff training to a related party, Young Audiences Charter Association (YACA). The Organization recorded approximately \$3,000,000 and \$2,900,000 in program fees revenue related to such services for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, on the accompanying statements of activities. Amounts outstanding at June 30, 2023 and 2022, are recorded and classified as due from related party in the accompanying statements of financial position. In addition, certain in-kind services related to YACA were provided by the Organization; however, the financial statements do not reflect the value of such services because they do not meet the criteria prescribed by U.S. GAAP.

The Organization had amounts payable to a related party, YACA. The total amount recorded as due to related party for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 on the accompanying statements of financial position was \$128,356 and \$83,734, respectively.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### 9. Paycheck Protection Program

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization applied for and was approved for a Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw of \$379,452. The second draw was administered by the Small Business Administration as part of the relief efforts related to COVID-19. The Organization was eligible for second draw forgiveness of up to 100% upon meeting certain requirements. The Organization recognized \$368,653 as revenue for the year ended June 30, 2021 and the remaining \$10,799 was recognized as revenue in fiscal year 2022. The loan was fully forgiven during the year ended June 30, 2022.

### 10. Net Assets

The major components of net assets at June 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Without Donor		Wi	th Donor		
June 30, 2023	Restrictions		Restrictions			Total
Undesignated	\$	2,514,054	\$	-	\$	2,514,054
Designated for specific purposes:						
Beneficial interest		-		29,608		29,608
Total net assets	\$	2,514,054	\$	29,608	\$	2,543,662
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	Wit	thout Donor	Wi	th Donor		
June 30, 2022	R	estrictions	Re	strictions		Total
Undesignated	\$	2,266,776	\$	-	\$	2,266,776
Designated for specific purposes:						
Beneficial interest		-		28,660		28,660
Total net assets	\$	2,266,776	\$	28,660	\$	2,295,436
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### 11. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, March 29, 2024, and determined that no events occurred that required additional disclosure. No events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.



# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### Agency Head Name: Jenny James, Co-Director

Purpose	 Amount	
Salary Benefits - health insurance Benefits - FICA & Medicare	\$ 117,000 6,122 8,951	
	\$ 132,073	

### Agency Head Name: Richard Bates, Co-Director

Purpose		Amount	
Coloni	•	404 500	
Salary	\$	121,500	
Benefits - health insurance		6,122	
Benefits - FICA & Medicare		9,295	
	\$	136,917	

Note: The agency heads participate in a retirement plan, but no employer match is offered at this time.



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors for Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. (the Organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2024.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001.

### The Organization's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Organization's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Organization's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors for Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc.

### Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

### Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc.'s (a nonprofit organization) (the Organization) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Organization's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Organization's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Organization's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Organization's federal programs.

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Organization's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Organization's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Organization's compliance with the compliance requirements
  referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the
  circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Organization's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in
  order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report
  on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the
  purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Organization's internal control over
  compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.



Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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March 29, 2024



# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass- Through Grantor	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures	
United States Department of Education  Direct Program:  Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination	84.351D	N/A	\$	222,865
Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education: Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C	28-21-2C-NO		1,107,882
Total United States Department of Education				1,330,747
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$	1,330,747

## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. (the Organization) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Organization, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Organization. The Organization's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Organization's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in accordance with the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

### 3. Relationship to financial statements

Federal revenues of \$1,330,747 are included in federal grant revenue on the statement of activities.

### 4. <u>De Minimis Cost Rate</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Organization did not elect to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in §200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

### 5. Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients

The Organization did not pass through any federal funding to subrecipients.

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### (1) Summary of Independent Auditors' Results

Financial statements

The type of report issued on the financial statements: <u>Unmodified</u>

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

 Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

Yes

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? Yes

Federal Awards

Internal controls over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?
No

 Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings which are required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance?

No

Identification of major program:

Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers: Assistance Listing Number: 84.287C

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under Section 530 of

The Uniform Guidance: No

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

## (2) Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards:

### 2023-001 Timely Filing of Report with Louisiana Legislative Auditor

*Criteria:* In accordance with R.S. 24:513, any local auditee that receives public assistance of \$500,000 or more in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year must be audited annually and the annual audit reporting package must be submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. The due date for the audit reporting package is six months after the organization's fiscal year end.

Condition: The Organization was required to have an audit completed by the filing deadline of December 31, 2023. The Organization requested and received a non-emergency extension through March 31, 2023. However, despite the approval of the extension, the Organization did not comply with the timeline established by regulation and therefore a finding is required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

*Cause:* Due to staffing issues, the year-end close out procedures were not performed on a timely basis and resulted in delays in providing the needed information to the auditors necessary for the timely filing of the audit report with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

*Effect:* If the Organization is non-compliant in the future it may result in it being placed on the non-compliance list maintained by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. In addition, R.S. 39:72.1 prohibits the payment of funds appropriated to an agency that is not in compliance with the State Audit Law.

Recommendation: The Organization should ensure proper staffing is maintained to complete yearend close out procedures on a timely basis to allow sufficient time for the auditor to complete their procedures and meet future deadlines.

View of Responsible Official: Management will implement policies and procedures to ensure the annual audit reporting package will be submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in compliance with the State Audit Law.

### 2023-002 Classification of Contributions

*Criteria:* The Organization is required to have internal control processes in place that ensure contributions, restrictions, and use of the contributions are properly presented in the financial statements.

Condition: During the audit, there were contributions identified that were not properly classified as restricted or unrestricted contributions.

Cause: The Organization does not have adequate processes and controls in place to ensure that contributions are properly classified.

*Effect:* The misclassifications were not material to the financial statements. However, the lack of adequate controls resulted in adjustments to the classifications of contributions.

### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

## (2) Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards:* (continued)

### 2023-002 Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (continued)

Recommendation: The Organization should implement processes and controls that result in contributions that are recorded in the proper period, and that any restrictions noted are recorded in the proper net asset classification.

*View of Responsible Official:* Management will implement processes and controls over contribution revenues to ensure that revenues are recorded properly and appropriately restricted if warranted.

### (3) Findings and Questioned Costs relating to Federal Awards:

None Noted.

### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

None.

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YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA, INC

REPORT ON STATEWIDE
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES ON
COMPLIANCE AND CONTROL AREAS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023** 



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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Young Audiences of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated in Schedule A on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Young Audience of Louisiana's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Young Audience of Louisiana (the Entity) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, the LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures we performed, and the associated findings are summarized in the attached Schedule A, which is an integral part of this report.

We were engaged by Young Audience of Louisiana to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Young Audience of Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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March 29, 2024

### YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES PERFORMED AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule A

The procedures performed and the results thereof are set forth below. The procedure is stated first, followed by the results of the procedure presented in italics. If the item being subjected to the procedures is positively identified or present, then the results will read "no exception noted" or for step 13 "we performed the procedure and discussed the results with management". If not, then a description of the exception ensues.

### 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - i. Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

No exceptions noted.

ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

The Entity's purchasing policy does not address (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes. All other attributes were address in the Entity's purchasing policy.

iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving

No exceptions noted.

iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Exceptions noted. The Entity has written policies for Receipts/Collections; however, the policy does not address management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue. All other attributes were addressed in the Entity's Receipts/ Collections policy.

v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Exceptions noted. The Entity has written policies for Payroll/Personnel; however, the policy does not address (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked; and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules. All other attributes were addressed in the Entity's Payroll/ Personnel policy.

vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Exceptions noted. The Entity has written policies for Payroll/Personnel; however, the policy does not address (2) standard terms and conditions. All other attributes were addressed in the Entity's Contracting policy.

### YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES PERFORMED AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule A

vii. *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

No exceptions noted.

viii. *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

No exceptions noted.

ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

The Entity is a non-profit organization. Thus, this procedure is not applicable and was not performed.

x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

The Entity is a non-profit organization. Thus, this procedure is not applicable and was not performed.

xi. *Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

The Entity is a non-profit organization. Thus, this procedure is not applicable and was not performed.

### 2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
  - i. Observe whether the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

No exceptions noted.

### YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES PERFORMED AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule A

ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.

No exceptions noted.

iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

This step is not applicable for the Entity, as the Entity is a non-profit organization.

iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions noted.

### 3) Bank Reconciliations

A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

A listing of bank accounts was provided and included a total of 2 bank accounts. Management identified the entity's main operating account. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we selected all 2 bank accounts for one month during the fiscal period June 30, 2023, resulting in 2 bank reconciliations obtained and subjected to the below procedures.

i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

No exceptions noted.

ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

No exceptions noted.

iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

Schedule A

# 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

A. Obtain a listing of <u>deposit sites</u> for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

A listing of deposit sites was provided and included a total of 1 deposit sites. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listing provided, we selected the 1 deposit site and performed the procedures below.

B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

A listing of collection locations for each deposit site selected in procedure #4A was provided and included a total of 1 collection location. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

From the listings provided, we selected the one collection location for the deposit site. Review of the Entity's written policies and procedures or inquiry with employee(s) regarding job duties was performed in order to perform the procedures below.

i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

No exceptions noted.

ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

No exceptions noted.

iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

No exceptions noted.

iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

No exceptions noted.

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D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

We randomly selected 2 deposit dates for each of the 2 bank accounts selected in procedure #3. One of the bank accounts did not have any deposits for the fiscal period under audit. We obtained supporting documentation for each of the 2 deposits and performed the procedures below.

i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Exceptions noted. The 2 deposits selected for our procedures did not include receipts that were sequentially pre-numbered. The entity uses a collection log to track cash collections. This collection log is not sequentially pre-numbered.

ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions noted.

iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

Exceptions noted. For the 2 deposits tested, one of the two deposits was not made within 1 business day of receipt.

v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

# 5) Non-payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

The listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period was provided by the Entity's management. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we selected the single location and performed the procedures below.

B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

The listing of employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions for each payment processing location selected in procedure #5A was provided by the Entity's management. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. Review of the Entity's written policies and procedures or inquiry with employee(s) regarding job duties was performed in order to perform the procedures below.

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- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - Exceptions noted. The Entity's policy does not require that at least 2 employees are involved in initiating a purchase, approving a purchase, and making the purchase.
- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - No exceptions noted.
- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
  - Exceptions noted. For the location selected for our procedures, the employee processing payments was not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, and no other employee was responsible for periodically reviewing changes to the vendor files.
- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
  - No exceptions noted.
- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
  - Exceptions noted. During the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, an individual not authorized to sign checks approved the electronic disbursement (release) of funds through automated clearinghouse with supervisor approval.
- C. For each location selected under #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and
  - A listing of non-payroll disbursements for each payment processing location selected in procedure #5A was provided by the Entity's management related to the reporting period. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we haphazardly selected 5 disbursements for the location and performed the procedures below.
  - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice, and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
    - No exceptions noted.
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
    - Exceptions noted. None of the 5 disbursements tested included evidence (e.g. Initial/date) of segregation of duties.

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D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exceptions noted.

#### 6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

A listing of cards was provided by the Entity's management. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure.

B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and

From the listing provided, we selected all 5 cards used during the fiscal period. We haphazardly selected one monthly statement for each of the 5 cards selected and performed the procedures noted below.

i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported; and

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
  - No exceptions noted.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

We haphazardly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) for each of the five credit cards selected in procedure 6B and performed the specified procedures.

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Exceptions noted. Of the 50 total transactions tested, 3 did not contain (1) the original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased. 0 of the 50 total transactions tested contained (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose. 7 of the 50 total transactions tested did not contain (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

## 7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

The listing of travel and travel-related expense reimbursements was provided by the Entity's management for the fiscal period. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we all (2) reimbursements and performed the procedures below.

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);

No exceptions noted.

ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by "Written Policies and Procedures", procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

## 8) Contracts

A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and

A listing of all agreement/contracts that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period was provided by the Entity's management. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we haphazardly selected 5 contracts and performed the procedures below.

*i.* Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

No exceptions noted.

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ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

No exceptions noted.

iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

# 9) Payroll and Personnel

A. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

A listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal year was provided by the Entity's management. No exceptions were noted as a result of performing this procedure. From the listing provided, we haphazardly selected five employees/officials and performed the specified procedures. No exception noted.

B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

We haphazardly selected one pay period during the fiscal period and performed the procedures below for the five employees/officials selected in procedure #9A.

i. Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials:

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

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C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No exceptions noted.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted.

## 10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure "Payroll and Personnel" procedure #9A, above obtain ethics documentation from management, and
  - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
    - The Entity is a non-profit. Thus, this procedure is not applicable.
  - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
    - The Entity is a non-profit. Thus, this procedure is not applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

The Entity is a non-profit. Thus, this procedure is not applicable.

#### 11) Debt Service

A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Not applicable as the Entity does not incur debt.

B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Not applicable as the Entity does not incur debt.

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## 12) Fraud Notice

A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

The Entity did not report any misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period.

B. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted.

## 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
    - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
  - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
    - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
  - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
    - We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidenced that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

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#### 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from "Payroll and Personnel" procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

The requirements of LA RS 42:341 – 344 apply to governmental entity public officers and employees and is therefore not applicable to the Entity as it is a non-profit entity.

# YOUNG AUDIENCES OF LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S REPSONSE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule B

Young Audiences of Louisiana (the Entity) provided a response and corrective action plan for the exceptions noted in Schedule A as set forth below:

## **Written Policies and Procedures:**

The Entity will update its policies and procedures to address the issues identified with Purchasing, Receipts/Collections, Payroll/Personnel, and Contracting.

## **Collections:**

The Entity will ensure the sequentially pre-numbered receipts for all deposits and will attempt to deposit all funds within one day of receipt.

## **Non-Payroll Disbursements:**

Employee other than employee processing payments will approve adding/modifying vendor files.

ACH policies will be updated to reflect electronic approval for the release of funds by the required number of authorized signors.

The Entity will ensure that written evidence of segregation of duties in disbursement approvals is obtained.

## Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards:

The Entity will ensure that original receipts are maintained for all credit card purchases.

The Entity will ensure that all credit card receipts explicitly state the business purpose of each charge.

The Entity will ensure that all meal receipts include documentation of the individuals participating in meals.



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To the Board of Directors and Management for Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Young Audiences of Louisiana, Inc. (the Organization), for the year ended June 30, 2023 and have issued our report thereon. As part of our audit, we considered internal accounting control to the extent we determined necessary to plan our audit as required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Under these standards, the purposes of such evaluation are to establish a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

The objective of internal control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of the financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

No matter how good a system, there are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate. We say this simply to suggest that any system needs to be constantly reviewed and improved where necessary.

Also, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we considered compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

However, during the course of our audit, we became aware of matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls or operating efficiency or instances of immaterial non-compliance. Our comments and suggestions regarding these matters are set forth below. This letter does not affect our reports dated March 29, 2024, on the financial statements of the Organization and the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

# <u>2023-1</u> <u>Due To Related Party Payables</u>

Condition: The Organization's due to related party payables balance has increased over the

prior periods. Policies and procedures are not in place to ensure that the payables

are repaid over a reasonable period of time.

Recommendation: The due to related party payables should be reviewed by management on a

monthly basis to determine when repayment can be made to reduce the balance.

View of Responsible Official:

The Organization is aware of the due to related party balance and will determine a

plan to significantly reduce the balance in the next fiscal period.

This written communication is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, others within the organization, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be used, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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