Accounting for Lawyers: Upstage Theater Company Handout

The Upstage Theater Company (UTC) is a non-profit community theater group that puts on several plays each year. On December 31, 2001, the Company had the following balance sheet.

Assets		Liabilities and Surplus	
Cash	\$ 2,000	Bank Loan	\$ 4,000
Costumes and Sets	\$ 3,000	Total Liabilities	\$ 4,000
Total Assets	\$ 5,000	Surplus	\$ 1,000

In the course of 2002, the following events occurred. The company would like your advice on how to account for these transactions.

- 1. At the beginning of the year, an anonymous donor makes an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 to UTC.
- 2. The company spends \$1,000 on costumes and sets for the coming season.
- 3. Over the course of the year, the company sells \$3,000 of tickets for the year's performances.
- 4. Over the course of the year, the company spends \$1,000 on the rental of auditoriums and other costs associated with putting on the year's productions.
- 5. Towards the end of the year, the company launches a new initiative to make advance sales of tickets for the next year's season. \$1,000 in advance sales are made.