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WISCONSIN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING
A positive 2010 Financial Report and new Trustees were announced on January 27.

Milwaukee, WI – February 1, 2011 – The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011. Members of the Board of Trustees, Chairman's Council, Trustees Emeritus, staff, faculty, and guests were in attendance.

James F. Duca II, outgoing Treasurer and continuing Trustee, presented the Conservatory's 2010 Financial Report, outlining the largely positive fiscal year ending on August 31:

1. The Conservatory's goal to have a solvent year was accomplished.
2. The year ended with an operating surplus of \$953 and a \$29,000 increase in net assets.
3. Revenue in 2010 was up \$137,000 or 6%.
4. Following a 2009 deficit, expenses decreased \$343,000 or 14% in 2010.

James Holtz announced and introduced seven new members to the Board of Trustees:
Konie Brenneman, Marketing Manager, Kronos Inc.

Ulrich Broeckel, M.D., Professor, Chief, Section of Genomic Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin

Myra E. Johnson, Application Development Manager, FIS

Trent M. Johnson, Attorney, Foley & Lardner LLP; Guitarist, Cougar

Michael Reyes, Attorney, Flores & Reyes

Keith Spore, Retired, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

Kimberly R. Walker, J.D., Senior Human Resources Manager, Johnson Controls Inc.

The new Board members will serve a three-year term beginning January 2011. A brief biography of each new member is attached.

James A. Holtz of Mequon was elected Chairman of the Board. Kurt J. Thomas will serve as Vice Chairman, Robert L. Banner will serve as Treasurer and Edward J. Hammond will be the corporation's secretary. A full listing of officers is attached.

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Officers and Executive Committee 2011

James A. Holtz, *Chair*
Kurt J. Thomas, *Vice Chair, Chair of Human Resources Committee*
Robert L. Banner III, *Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee*
Edward J. Hammond, *Secretary*
Carol A. Gehl, *Immediate Past Chair, Co-Chair Governance Committee*
Robert G. Petrie, Jr., *Past Chair, Chair Strategic Planning Committee*
Mary Alice Wann, *Chair, Fund Development Committee*
Terrence R. Wilkinson, *Member at Large*

New Trustees for a three-year term beginning January 2011

Konie Brenneman is the marketing manager at Kronos Inc, the North American subsidiary of Kronos AG, located in Neutraubling, Germany. Kronos is the leading global supplier of brew house, packaging and bottling machinery as well as supply chain logistics and IT solutions. She is responsible for directing all marketing activities for the United States, Canada, Central America and the Caribbean. Konie received a bachelor's degree in French language and literature from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. She is a member of the Milwaukee Art Museum and the Milwaukee Public Museum as well as a patron of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre and the Stratford Festival Theatre, Stratford, Canada. She resides with her husband, Charles Kasik, in Fox Point.

Ulrich Broeckel is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin with a focus on research in human genetics. A native of Germany, he is a graduate of the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He joined the Medical College and moved to Milwaukee in 1996. His link to classical music began in school when he started to play the cello at age 10. All through high school and medical school he played in symphony and chamber orchestras and performed with friends as part of a string quartet. Music has provided balance to his busy work schedule and he is committed to supporting musical education.

Myra Johnson is employed in the information technology field as an Application Development Manager with FIS. She is responsible for the effective leadership and utilization of a team of technical analysts in order to exceed client expectations. Prior to joining FIS, Myra was employed in the banking industry for more than a decade holding various positions such as analyst, project manager and department manager. Myra has a MS degree from UWM in Management Information Systems and a Bachelors in Business Administration with a minor in Music (flute) from UW-Whitewater. She has volunteered with the Friends of the Cleveland School of the Arts, and The Junior Leagues of Cleveland and Milwaukee, serving in various capacities within these organizations. Outside of work and community service, Myra enjoys spending time with her husband and traveling.

Trent M. Johnson is an associate with Foley & Lardner LLP. He is a member of the Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Consumer Financial Services Litigation Practices and the Energy Industry Team. Mr. Johnson received his law degree (J.D., *cum laude*, 2004) from the University of Wisconsin Law School. He graduated from Miami University in Ohio in 1998 with a

bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Spanish and Psychology. Prior to joining Foley & Lardner, Mr. Johnson was assistant counsel to Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan of the Illinois General Assembly. Trent is a guitarist in Cougar, a rock band with two critically acclaimed albums on the Counter Records label. The band has toured throughout the US as well as the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Croatia, and the UK.

Michael Reyes is a General Partner with Flores & Reyes Law Offices in Waukesha. He is a graduate of Miami University in Ohio and the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. Mr. Reyes has successfully represented clients in the areas of civil, criminal, real estate, and family law as well as general practice. Mr. Reyes has a strong interest in education and the arts and just completed a six-year term on the Wisconsin Arts Board where he served on the executive, strategic planning and education committees. Mike currently serves as the president of Latino Arts, Inc. at the United Community Center in Milwaukee. He also served on the boards of WYMS 88.9 (when they were exclusively jazz) and on the board of "Artist Series at the Pabst" where he helped program concerts as part of the Hal Leonard Jazz Series. Mike is an eternal student of the guitar. Mike Reyes is married to Rosemary Reyes and Paco is their 11-year-old son.

Keith Spore graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1967, and spent 37 years working as a journalist or executive at the Milwaukee Sentinel and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. His first job at the Sentinel was that of a copy kid. He soon became a part-time reporter, working primarily as a rock 'n' roll reviewer and night police reporter. Over the ensuing years, he held several editing positions, including editor of the Sentinel. He was named president of the Journal Sentinel in 1995, and retired at the end of 2004 as president and publisher. He was recipient of the UWM Mass Communication Alumnus of the Year Award in 1994, the Milwaukee Society of Professional Journalists Freedom of Information Award in 1995 and the UWM Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000. He has served as a member of the UWM Foundation Board, the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Greater Milwaukee Open Board. Born in Milwaukee, he is married to Kathy Stokebrand and has three children and a barking dog. He served in the US Army from 1961 to 1964 and is the author of two novels, The Hell Masters and Death of a Scavenger. Both are long out of print. His favorite pastimes are listening to jazz and playing golf (not well).

Kimberly R. Walker has served as the Senior Human Resources Manager for Johnson Controls, Inc. since 2007. Kimberly holds a BS degree in Speech Communication and Theater from Tennessee State University in Nashville and a J.D. from Marquette University Law School. She has worked as an attorney for Ratzel & Associates, LLC in Brookfield, and Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan LLP. Ms. Walker served as Administrator for the Division of Energy and the Safety and Buildings Division for the State of Wisconsin in Madison from 2003-2007 before she became a Human Resources professional. Kimberly serves on the Board of Malaika Early Learning Center (with whom the Conservatory has a partnership) and the Wild Space Dance Company. She has chaired the Energy Program Consortium (EPC) and the Environmental Research Forum and served on the Board of the National Association of State Energy Officials. She is chair of the African American Affinity Network. Kimberly lives in Milwaukee with her husband, Michael Walker, and their two children, Kiersten, 12, and Madison, 8.



Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Board of Trustees and friends gathered for the Annual Meeting held on January 27, 2011.

Left to right from the back: James F. Duca, Robert Banner, Kurt Thomas, Carol Gehl, Keith Spore, Kimberly Walker, Myra Johnson, John Rumpf, William Bonifas, Ulrich Broeckel, Robert Petrie, Trent Johnson, Ralph Weber, Konie Brenneman, Miriam Fleming, Alan Giuffre, Mary Wann, Michael Reyes, Edward Hammond, Katharine Mallin, Elizabeth Elser.

Missing from photo: Patricia Borger, Gregory Marcus, Glen Ponczak, Terrence Wilkinson, James Wolter.

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