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GUTHRIE THEATER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Minneapolis/St. Paul)—The Guthrie Theater (Joseph Haj, Artistic Director) announced today that five new members have been elected to serve on the organization’s Board of Directors, chaired by Y. Marc Belton. The theater proudly welcomes Stacy Bogart, Lisa Johnson, Audrey Manacek, Brian Pietsch and Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop, who will each serve a three-year term from September 1, 2017 through December 2020. With the addition of these members, the Board of Directors is made up of 61 respected individuals who are interested in the arts and the cultural and economic strength of the Twin Cities. The Board provides direction and oversight to maximize the theater’s ability to achieve its mission.

STACY BOGART, Polaris Industries Inc.
Stacy Bogart has been Senior Vice President – General Counsel, Compliance Officer and Secretary since September 2015. She joined Polaris in November 2009 as Vice President – General Counsel and has been Corporate Secretary since January 2010. From February 2009 to November 2009, Bogart was General Counsel of Liberty Diversified International. From October 1999 until February 2009, she held several positions at The Toro Company, including Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary. Before joining The Toro Company, Bogart was a Senior Attorney for Honeywell Inc. She holds a BA in English and Political Science from the University of Iowa, and a JD from the University of Iowa’s College of Law. She has served on the board of the Minnesota Zoo and co-chaired United Way’s Tocqueville Society campaign.

LISA JOHNSON, Bernstein Private Wealth Management
Lisa Johnson is currently a Vice President with Bernstein Private Wealth Management, where she works closely with high-net-worth individuals, multi-generational families, and foundations on a wide range of investment matters. A Saint Paul native, Johnson joined the firm in 2006 in Chicago before relocating to the Minneapolis office in 2012. Johnson has since been active with the Advisory Board of the Fourth Generation Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation Board of Directors, and the Guthrie Theater Corporate Council. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University and is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™.
AUDREY MANACEK, McKinsey & Company
Audrey Manacek is the Managing Senior Partner for the Minneapolis office of McKinsey & Company, leading their consumer marketing practice in the U.S. She serves consumer-oriented companies on a range of strategy, organization, marketing and sales, merchandising, and operations topics. Previously, she led McKinsey’s work in retail pricing and promotions across the Americas. Manacek joined McKinsey in Chicago and, after a decade with the firm, transferred to their Minneapolis office in 2013. While in Chicago, she served on the board of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago and partnered with leading women executives to spur action among local business leaders with the goal of advancing women. Since moving to Minnesota, she has supported efforts by business and public-sector leaders to build an objective and comprehensive assessment of healthcare-system performance, and she has served on the executive team of the American Heart Association, for the gala and for the Twin Cities Go Red for Women event.

BRIAN PIETSCH, Ameriprise
Brian Pietsch is Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Community Relations at Ameriprise Financial, where he leads the company’s legislative agenda in Minnesota and other states across the nation and serves as liaison with the City of Minneapolis. Pietsch is also responsible for the company’s robust volunteerism and philanthropic program, including corporate grant-making, employee giving, and nationwide volunteer efforts in support of Feeding America and other nonprofits. He has a Juris Doctorate, a Master’s in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts. Pietsch is active in numerous nonprofits and also serves on the boards of the Minneapolis Downtown Council, The Minnesota Insurance Financial Services Council (MIFSC), The Minneapolis Foundation and the Walker Art Center.

JENNIFER REEDSTROM BISHOP, Gray Plant Mooty
Jennifer Reedstrom Bishop has worked exclusively with nonprofit organizations for over 20 years. From serving as outside general counsel to large academic-related foundations and private foundations, to assisting start-up nonprofits and religious organizations, her practice spans the spectrum of the nonprofit sector. She regularly counsels charities on accepting complex and unusual charitable gifts, as well as acceptable gift restrictions and donor involvement. Bishop’s practice also includes the health care sector. She is chair of the Gray Plant Mooty Health Law & Nonprofit Organizations Practice Group in addition to serving on the firm’s Board of Directors. She has served on the board of Project Success and currently on the board of the Center for Victims of Torture.

THE GUTHRIE THEATER (Joseph Haj, Artistic Director) was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie in 1963 and is an American center for theater performance, production, education and professional training, dedicated to producing the great works of dramatic literature and to cultivating the next generation of theater artists. Under Haj’s leadership, the Guthrie is guided by four core values: Artistic Excellence; Community; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Fiscal Responsibility. The Guthrie produces a mix of classic and contemporary plays on three stages and continues to set a national standard for excellence in theatrical production and performance, serving nearly 400,000 patrons annually. In 2006, the Guthrie opened a new home, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, located on the banks of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Open to the public year-round, it houses three state-of-the-art stages, production facilities, classrooms, full-service restaurants and dramatic public lobbies. guthrietheater.org

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