



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Jim DeGood, (816) 471-4933

Shannon Sundberg, (816) 471-4933

Lyric Opera Elects New Board of Directors

KANSAS CITY, MO. (July 22, 2009) - The Lyric Opera of Kansas City Board of Directors recently selected its 2009-2010 officers and new members.

Officers for the 2009-2010 season are:

- President: Anne W. Elsberry (community volunteer)
- President Elect: Richard P. Bruening (community volunteer)
- Treasurer: J. Michael Sigler (first vice president, Robert W. Baird and Co.)
- Vice-President, Development: Brogan T. Sullivan (partner, Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP)
- Vice-President, Education: Rachel Hack (executive director, Advertising Club of Kansas City)
- Vice-Presidents, Membership: Maureen Durwood (community volunteer) & Julie Ungashick Crain, Esq. (Wassmer Studios)
- Vice-President, Planning: Michelle N. Ritter (community volunteer)
- Vice-President, Legal Counsel: Don F. Dagenais (partner, Lathrop & Gage)
- Secretary: Michael D. Frost, Ph.D. (community volunteer)

Members at Large, Executive Committee: Michael D. Fields (Commerce Trusts), The Honorable Jon R. Gray (Shook, Hardy & Bacon), Joyce G. Holland (community volunteer), Julia Kauffman (Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation), Dr. Maria Kunstadter, D.D.S., Phyllis G. Leach (senior attorney, Hallmark Cards, Inc.) and Albert P. Mauro (community volunteer).

New members elected to the board are Sarah Beeks Higdon and John Middelkamp.

A list of the entire board of directors is enclosed.

###