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Milwaukee Repertory Theater Names Arts Advocate Judy Hansen President of its Board of Trustees

Chris Hermann from PNC Financial Services Joins the Board Croen, Phelps, Gonzalez, Peck join Executive Committee

Milwaukee, Wis – June 30, 2021 – [Milwaukee Rep](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com) is proud to welcome back **Judy Hansen** as Board President starting July 1, 2021. Hansen first joined the Board in 1992 and went onto serve two terms as Board President from 1995-1998 and 2011 – 2014. During her tenure she helped navigate the theater through several major transitions, including the recruitment and onboarding of Executive Director Chad Bauman in 2013.

“Judy is a champion of the arts and has been one of Milwaukee Rep’s best advocates for over 30 years,” said **Executive Director Chad Bauman**. “If navigating the COVID pandemic has taught me anything, it is that having a passionate and forward thinking board is critical to our success. I couldn’t ask for a better President in Judy to lead Milwaukee Rep back to center stage.”

“I’m thrilled to be leading such a dynamic board of trustees in this post pandemic era,” expressed **Judy Hansen**. “Now more than ever it is important to keep our mission of creating positive change at the forefront of everything do, which will surely lead us to a remarkably exciting time in our history.”

Chris Hermann, Regional President of Wisconsin at PNC Financial Services also joins the board for a three year term. New additions to Milwaukee Rep’s Executive Committee include **Amy Croen** (Geneva Capital Management, Co-Founder) as VP of Development, **James Phelps** (JCP Construction, President) as VP of Trustees, **Andres Gonzalez** (Froedert Health VP, Chief Diversity Officer) as At-Large Member, and **Adam Peck** (Riverwater Partners, Principal and CIO) as Alternate. Returning to the Executive Committee are **Gregory C. Oberland** (Northwestern Mutual, President (retired) as Immediate Past President, **Bladen Burns** (Fiduciary Management, SVP and Partner) as Secretary, **James Phillips** (Godfrey & Khan Partner) as Treasurer, **Joan Lubar** (Community Volunteer) as At-Large Member and **Rob Manegold** (Community Volunteer) as At-Large Member.

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Board Biographies:

Judy Hansen is a lifelong volunteer. Her past volunteer experiences include President of the Junior League of Milwaukee, Friends of Art for the Milwaukee Art Museum as well as a trustee for the Milwaukee Art Museum. Judy was also on the executive committee for the United Performing Arts Fund. Nationally, Judy served as a trustee for the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center, was a member of the National Council of the American Theater and on two separate National Endowment for the Arts Theatre/Musical Theatre panels. From

2007-2011, Judy produced numerous Broadway productions including the Tony Award-winning revival of *Hair*. Judy currently serves on the board of Ten Chimneys. Judy attended Colorado State University. She has a degree in Theatre Arts from University Wisconsin –Milwaukee and attended the Yale School of Drama in Theater Management.

Chris Hermann is the PNC Financial Services Regional President and head of Corporate Banking for Wisconsin. In addition to serving as regional president, he has responsibility as head of Corporate Banking for Wisconsin. In that role, he leads PNC's local focus on developing and deepening relationships with new and existing middle market and large corporate banking clients in the Milwaukee region and throughout the state. Hermann is a staunch advocate for the importance of early childhood education, and he is active in the Milwaukee community, serving on the board of directors for the Urban Ecology Center and on the endowment board at Christ Church in Whitefish Bay. Hermann, who was raised in Madison, Wis., received a Bachelor of Science in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

About Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin with three unique performance venues in the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex– the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. For over six decades, Milwaukee Rep has been a centerpiece of Milwaukee's vibrant arts and cultural scene with productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Shakespeare to American Classics and New Works that are entertaining, inclusive and impactful. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mark Clements and Executive Director Chad Bauman, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.