



2023 Board of Directors

Jim DeVold

President

First Independent Bank

Reno, NV

Maxine Harmatta

Treasurer / Secretary

Financial Consultant

Reno, NV

Ann Silver

Vice President of Development

Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce

Reno, NV

Debra Modellmog

Vice President of Community Relations

Emerita Dean of Liberal Arts, UNR

Reno, NV

Nettie Oliverio

Immediate Past President

Foothill Partners

Reno, NV

Alicia Barber

Stories in Place

Reno, NV

Christine Fey, AICP

PBS Reno Trustee

Reno, NV

Tom Clark

Tom Clark Solutions

Reno, NV

Jennifer Rogers Markwell

Platinum Wealth Management

Reno, NV

Bonnie Drinkwater

Drinkwater Eaton Law Offices

Reno, NV

Cony Linarez

Note-Able Music Therapy Services

Reno, NV

Alex Woodley

City of Reno

Reno, NV



Board of Trustees 2023-2024

AMY BARTHEL
WCSD Fine Arts Coordinator

DEENA BEHNKE
Community at Large

SKIP BENTON
Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate

ALLEN BLACK
Community at Large

ANDY BOMBERGER
Caesar's Entertainment

LINDY DELLER
Panattoni Development Company

JOHN DRAKULICH
Farmers Insurance

SHIRLEY FOLKINS-ROBERTS
Panattoni Development Company

DAVID FUNK
Community at Large

SYLVIA HARRISON
McDonald Carano

XABIER IRUJO
University of Nevada, Reno

JACKIE KANE
Kane Partners

JENNIFER LAITY
Community at Large

ROBERT LIGHTFOOT
Grand Sierra Resort

MATTHEW MEANS
University of Nevada, Reno

KEVIN MELCHER
Community at Large

MEAGAN NOIN
MN|G Partners, Inc

BOYONG PARK
American Wealth Management

STEVEN READE
Community at Large

CHUCK SWEENEY
Chuck Sweeney Associates

EMILY TEEKASINGH
Tesla

MAT TRACHOK
Wilmer Hale

CHUL YIM
University of Nevada, Reno

RPA Officers:

Chair: Meagan Noin

Chair-Elect: John Drakulich

Treasurer: Allen Black

Secretary: Deena Behnke

Ruby Barrientos

Ruby Barrientos is a first-generation Salvadoran American artist born and raised in Reno, NV. She is an artist and incorporates her unique artistic voice that she coined as Nuwave Mayan, a style that fuses her Salvadoran Mayan ancestry and heritage in the creation of socially relevant visual art.

Kathy Boardman

UNR Emeritus professor of English

Kenneth Burhmann

Secondary English, Reading Specialist – currently retired from Washoe County School District

Richard Brown

UNR Emeritus professor of English and avid art collector

Steve Brown

Local cultural enthusiast

Mark Curtis

Curtis spent 40+ years as an advertising agency partner/creative director (GustinCurtis, Curtis + Rogers, Mark Curtis & Friends), civic activist and arts advocate.

Chris Galli joined Dickson Realty in 2010 as a REALTOR®, and has been consistently ranked as a top performing broker/salesperson in northern Nevada. He is a member of the Dickson Leadership Team, working with local and national corporate clients on their relocation efforts. He's deeply passionate about the Reno area and the quality of life it has to offer, and currently serves on the Board for the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Nevada, and the Board for Each One. Tell One., a cancer organization focused on dense breast tissue awareness.

Miya Hannan

Miya Hannan's sculptures, installations and drawings reflect her view of the world as layers and linkages of human lives and histories. Being a medical professional in a country like Japan with many superstitions, she developed the ability to perceive the world from two contrasting perspectives. Before coming to the United States, she received a Bachelor's degree in medical technology from the School of Health Sciences, Kyushu University and worked for a hospital for seven years in her native country, Japan. Hannan is MFA Graduate Director and faculty member in the Art Department at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Robyn Powers

Overall professional experience includes project management, human resources, quality improvement and fundraising, all disciplines which enhanced my previous position as a director of development and my current activities in the community. She has worked in executive capacity at Truckee Meadows Community College, University of Nevada Reno, Silver Legacy

Parker Stremmel

Parker is the Director of Stremmel Gallery, a Reno-based fine art gallery that specializes in contemporary paintings, drawings, and sculptures by mid-career and established American and European artists. Additionally, Parker is part of the Coeur d'Alene Art Auction, which specializes in the finest classical Western and American Art, representing past masters and outstanding contemporary artists.

Rossi Todorova

Rossitza Todorova, a visual artist, and art instructor. In her creative practice she explores ideas of time and transformation through painting, drawing, printmaking, book forms, video, and installations. Todorova is a tenure-track Art Instructor at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) teaching drawing, painting, sculpture, and professional development for artists. Before coming to TMCC, she was an Instructor of Record at Arizona State University. Todorova also worked in Development for the Phoenix Art Museum and Arizona State University Art Museum. She was the director of Youth ArtWorks, a non-profit organization providing at-risk youth summer employment through public sculpture, mural, and literary art projects. And she was an Associate at the Nevada Arts Council, a state arts agency, in Artist Services and Community Arts Development.



NEV | MUS | OF
ADA | EUM | ART

Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts
E.L. Wiegand Gallery

160 West Liberty Street, Reno, Nevada, 89501
775.329.3333 | nevadaart.org

2023

Board of Trustees

Executive Committee

Doug Brewer, Chairman, Merrill Lynch
Barbara R. Danz, Chairman Elect, Law (retired)
Thomas J. Monroe, Treasurer, Laurel Trust Company
Charlotte McConnell, Secretary, Community Representative
Carole K. Anderson, Community Representative
Kathie Bartlett, Dickson Realty
Nancy Fennell, Dickson Realty
Jackie Kane, Corporate Director
Wayne L. Prim, Finance/Investment
Barry Skolnick, Waste Management
Garrett Sutton, Sutton Law Center
Henry C. Thumann, O'Melveny & Myers

Trustees

Don Bernard, Stifel
David E. Collins, Law/Business Management (retired)
Tammy Dermody, Community Representative
Fred Giuffrida, Private Equity Investor (retired)
Jennifer Hargis, First Independent Bank
Jeremy Higginbotham, Send/Receive
Jennifer Laity, Community Representative
Anne Brockinton Lee, Community Representative
Alan Maiss, Mvestment Solutions LTD.
Stacie Mathewson, Community Representative
Yvonne L. Murphy, PhD, Renown Health Foundation
George F. Ogilvie, III, McDonald Carano
Peter E. Pool, Community Representative
Roswitha Smale, Communications Consultant (retired)
Julie Teel, Raley's and Ozark Trucking Co., Owner



HOLLAND PROJECT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MICHAEL MOBERLY, Chair

Beverage Innovation Manager, Monin USA

VANESSA VANCOUR, Vice Chair

Founder, Vancourage

LYDIA HUERTA, Secretary

Professor, University of Nevada, Reno

LAUREN HOBER

Account Manager, KPS3

TIMOTHY BLAKE

Audiologist/Owner, Sierra Hearing Center

MITCH DUFOUR

VP of Development and Construction, PARADIGM8

CLARK DEMERITT

Box Office Manager, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts

CAMERON MCCUTCHEON

Independent Contractor / Master Carpenter

**updated August 2023*

2023/2024 Good Luck Macbeth Board of Directors

Board President: Rhiannon Box

Vice Board President: Owen Bryant

Secretary: Lyndsey Bunn

Treasurer: Jesse Hartford

Directors: Justin Chambers, Lauren Hayes, Jamie Hemingway, Laurence Salsedo, and Taylor Wilson

Members: Pam Alvey

Rhiannon Box: A wonderfully talented musician in our community, who studied at Truckee Meadows Community College and the Milan Institute of Cosmetology. She currently works at Wade West Salon as a hairdresser and stylist. Rhiannon resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include Kaborzi Learning.

Owen Bryant: Born in Fuchu, Tokyo, Owen studied at James Madison University, before receiving an Associate of Arts from Truckee Meadows Community College. He then studied English, Philosophy, and Writing at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Just recently, he received his graduate degree in Public Engagement from UNR, and currently works as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Advertising Consultant with the Reno News and Review. Owen resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include This is Reno.

Lyndsey Bunn: Studied Theatre at the University of Nevada Reno and has had a decorated and celebrated career in events management. She was the former Catering Manager at the Peppermill, then the Conference Services Manager at the Silver Legacy, then the Wedding Coordinator at Peppermill, and now serves as the Special Events Manager at the Grand Sierra Resort. Lyndsey resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include Vice president National Association for Catering and Events (NACE) Reno/Tahoe Chapter & National Committee Member; Community Relations Advisor, Delta Delta Delta, University of Nevada; Volunteer, Dress for Success Northern Nevada; Volunteer, Nevada Humane Society foster program; International Live Events Association (ILEA) member.

Jesse Hartford: Works as Corporate Bank Underwriter for Umpqua Bank. Jesse attended the Art Institute of California in San Francisco where we received a B.S. in Media Arts and Animation. Jesse resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include the Special Olympics of Northern Nevada.

Justin Chambers: Works as an Associate Research Scientist with the Western Regional Climate Center at the Desert Research Institute. Justin received a B.S. in Compute Science with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Nevada-Reno. Being a former Shakespearean actor and amateur director, Justin is a huge advocate for STEAM, integrating arts and sciences. Justin resides in Reno, NV.

Lauren Hayes: Works as a middle school social studies teacher at Doral Academy of Northern Nevada. She received an A.A. in Visual Communications, B.A. in Studio Art, and M.A. in Teaching, Elementary K-8. Lauren resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include being a member of the National Council for Social Studies, volunteer educator at the West Yellowstone Nature Connection, and volunteer at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Jamie Hemingway: Works as the Public Information and Development Officer at the Washoe County Library System. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno where she received a B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature. She now attends San Jose State University where she is currently working on a M.S. in Library Science with a focus on Management and Leadership. Jamie resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include being a board member for Girls Rock Reno and a volunteer for the Holland Project.

Laurence Salsedo: Works as the People & Culture Manager at the Alta Vista Mental Health Clinic. Laurence resides in Sparks, NV.

Taylor Wilson: Attended UNR receiving a B.S. in Management and then went to Portland State University where he received a M.S. in Theatre Arts. He worked for seven years as a Production Manager for Entertainment Logistics Services, Inc in Portland, before moving back to Reno. He currently works for Crisis Management Support Services. He is also a local director, playwright, and artist. Taylor Resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include being a volunteer for Silver State Storytellers.

Pam Alvey: Is a retired special education teacher in the Washoe County School System. Pam resides in Reno, NV. Affiliations include being a board member for the Cultural Alliance of Nevada and a member of Reno Women for Good.

Artown 2023 Board of Directors

Abigail G. Stephenson, Chair
abigailgstephenson@gmail.com

Pat Cashell
jpcashell@yahoo.com

Chris Galli, Vice Chair
Dickson Realty
775-771-2885
cgalli@dicksonrealty.com

Meredith Tanzer
Community Builder
775-830-0920
meredith_tanzer@yahoo.com

Roberto Garcia, Treasurer
rcgarcia04@gmail.com

Michon Eben
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
98 Colony Road
Reno, Nevada 89502
775-785-1326 Ext 5430
meben@rsic.org

Khalilah Cage, Secretary
Business Owner and Artist
775-229-6674
khalilah.cage@gmail.com

Nancy Leuenhagen,
Washoe County
nleuenhagen@washoecounty.us

David Lan, MSCE
775-830-2249
focusedcomputing@gmail.com

Zelalem Bogale
Senior In-House Counsel, NV Energy
775-287-0153
zelalem.bogale@gmail.com

Richard Thomas
Nevada State Bank
richard.thomas@nsbank.com

Melody Brown
melodybrown120@gmail.com

Board of Directors - Latino Arte and Culture

Mario DelaRosa - President

Annamaria Cavallone - Treasurer

Lizbeth Furrow - Secretary

Ivett Contreras - Board Member

Mary Tagle - Board Member

Astrid Perez - Board Member

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival Board of Directors 2023

Patricia Engels

Chair

Patty Jansen

Vice Chair

Katherine Elek

Treasurer

Amanda Flangas

Secretary

Soraya Aguirre

Michael Chamberlain

Jennifer Cunningham

Paula Garavaglia

Diana Garcia

Michael Hurst

Atam Lalchandani

Deborah Lenzi

David Loury

Janet Lowe

Vicki McGowen

Karen Meyer

Colleen Muratore

Allen Misher, Director Emeritus

Warren Trepp, Honorary Founder

ARTS FOR ALL NEVADA

Arts for All Nevada Board of Directors, Advisors, Staff

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| BOARD MEMBERS | | |
| Jeanne Nichols 5778 Simons Dr. Reno, NV 89523 | President | Retired, volunteer for Boy Scouts of America, Junior League, NV Historical Society |
| Joyce Thompson 1875 Caughlin Creek Rd. Reno, NV 89519 | Vice President | Ronald McDonald House Scholarship Committee, KUNR Citizen's Advisory Committee |
| Glennis Bishop 1766 Rainbow Ridge Rd. Reno, NV 89523 | Secretary | Retired, past board member Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard |
| Daniel Maffett 4116 Big Bang Ct. Sparks, NV 89436 | Treasurer | Branch Manager, US Bank |
| Leah Wittler 2985 Cahal Ct Reno, NV 89523 | Board Member | Commercial Banker Umpqua Bank |
| Kendall Nolan 2521 Lake Ridge Shores Circle Reno, NV 89519 | Board Member | Director, Credit Elemental LED |
| Mara Langer 10788 Stone Hollow Dr. Reno, NV 89521 | Board Member | Community Engagement Director, Jewish Nevada Joined the Board 2023 |
| ADVISORY MEMBERS | | |
| Tom Burton | Legal Advisor | Attorney, Reno Law Offices of Snell and Wilmer |
| Gayle Kern | Legal Advisor | Attorney, Kern and Associates, Ltd. |
| Matt Burak | Program Advisor, Special Education | Retired Principal, Marvin Picollo Elementary School |
| | | |

HCLC Executive Committee Biographies

Pastor Kathy Morris began her ministry at Holy Cross in January 2019.

Since her ordination in 2001, she served as Associate Pastor at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park, Maryland as well as New Song Lutheran Church in Henderson, Nevada. A graduate of Trinity Lutheran College and Luther Seminary, Pastor Kathy has a passion for helping people of all ages see how God is working in their lives and sharing God's abundant grace with others.

She has been married to Jeff since 2005 and they have two amazing children, Abigail and Samuel. In her free time, Pastor Kathy loves spending time with her family, reading, scrapbooking, writing, traveling and exploring God's wonderful creation, and all things Disney.

Katie Torry: Council President

Katie is a long-time member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She and her family joined HCLC when Katie was 12. Katie was confirmed in the church. As a member of the church, she has served on various committees and participated in many events. Her favorite committees are children's ministry and the Annual Rummage Sale. Currently, Katie is the council president. She was elected to the council in January of 2022 and became president in February of 2023.

Katie got her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from UNR in 1993. She earned her graduate degree from the University of Phoenix in Educational Leadership. Katie retired from teaching in the summer of 2022 after serving for 30 years in the Washoe County School District. She taught first through six grades. Katie ended her career teaching fourth grade. In her free time, Katie likes to read, watch movies, work with the quilt group and spend time with friends and family.

Sandra Christman: Council Vice President

Sandra was born into an Air Force family at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. From there she moved all over the U.S. to bases in different states. She graduated from high school in Fairfax, County, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C. After her graduation her family moved to Arizona where she attended Arizona State University, getting a degree in English Education, then attending the University of Arizona earning a Masters Degree. She moved to Reno, NV after

marrying and having two children. She taught English to middle schoolers for twenty-six years in Reno, retiring in 2013. She has two grandchildren that she enjoys very much.

Sandra has attended Holy Cross Lutheran since 1985, helping in many capacities: serving on council many times, altar guild, service committee, our quilting group, ushering, organizing communion assistants and candle lighters, and helping with VBS. In her free time she enjoys reading, sewing, and helping in her grandkids' classrooms.

Carol Ritter: Council Secretary

Carol is a "cradle" Christian, having grown up in the Lutheran church. She attended Augustana College (now university) and subsequently became a paralegal, a profession she held for 35 years before retiring in 2021. Carol previously served on the church council at Lutheran Church of the Master in Sacramento, where she and her family attended from 1997 to 2009. They moved from Sacramento to Truckee in 2009, then to Sparks in 2015. She and her husband joined Holy Cross in 2016 and she has served (2 terms) on the church council at HCLC. She is currently the council secretary.

Carol and her husband have been married 46 years, and they have three lovely daughters (and their spouses) as well as 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

KWNK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOAH SILVERMAN, RENO BIKE PROJECT

Noah Silverman is the co-founder and current Director of the Reno Bike Project and a small business owner/operator of Noah's Park Tree Care. The Reno Bike Project secured the low-power FM license from the FCC for KWNK, and Noah played a pivotal role in the station's launch. With over 15 years of experience advocating for community building and responsible infrastructure development, he supports the station through fiscal sponsorship and visionary guidance.

BRITT CURTIS, HOLLAND PROJECT

Britt Curtis, the co-founder and Director of the Holland Project, has been a longstanding advocate for the realization of a community radio project. In collaboration with Holland, she offers KWNK programmatic, planning, and operational support while serving as a community liaison. Britt brings extensive experience in program development, fundraising, marketing, and community outreach from her work in Seattle, LA, and Reno. She contributes to the station's growth, development, and strategy, and assists the Station Manager with overall administration and day-to-day operations.

JODY LYKES, MARKETING PUBLICITY & OUTREACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

Jody Lykes, a Hip Hop scholar, earned his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Educational Leadership and Education, Diversity & Equity from the University of Nevada, Reno. With a Truckee Meadows Community College background, Jody teaches various diversity courses at UNR. His expertise and passion for education contribute to KWNK's mission.

TIMOTHY CONDER, BLACKBIRD LOGISTICS

Timothy Conder, former founder of Cuddleworks Art Space, KWNK's initial home and studio, is currently the CEO of Blackbird Logistics. As an artist with exhibitions in SF, NYC, and locally, Tim is a community activist and entrepreneur who bridges business and grassroots communities, offering funding, and administrative, structural, and operational support.

JOE GORMAN, PROBATE COMMISSIONER AT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Attorney Edmund J. 'Joe' Gorman, Jr. practices civil law, specializing in estate planning, probate, and corporate counsel services for businesses of all sizes. With a commitment to personal attention and a creative approach to legal challenges, Joe Gorman contributes his expertise to KWNK's governance.

KWNK MIND MELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bijou Bell (Local Muscian)
Dylan Coleman (UNR)
Alana Berglund (Holland Project)
Tim Healion (Laughing Planet)

Jammal Tarkington (Local Musician)
Ilya Arbatman (Radical Cat / Holland Project)
and KWNK Staff

LRC Advisory Boards

The Latino Research Center is looking to revamp the current advisory board to focus on community and statewide efforts. In fall 2022, the Latino Research Center moved under the Provost's Office. The goal is to enhance our current research and outreach efforts to be statewide.

University community ex-officio members

- Karla Hernandez, Ph.D, Director Hispanic Latinx Community Relations, Office of The Provost
- Diana Sande, Public Health Diversity Advisor, School of Public Health
- Sandra Rentas, Business Development Advisor, NV SBDC, College of Business
- Mariana-Cecilia Velázquez, Ph.D, Assistant Professor World Languages & Literatures, College of Liberal Arts
- Emma Guzman, Home Mortgage Consultant Guild Mortgage, VP Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce Latino Community
- Victoria Rios, Former Faith in Action Director
- Ron Aryel, M.D., Pediatrics Specialist, Reno Center for Child and Adolescence Health Pediatrics Specialist
- Edith González Duarte, Vice President of Nevada and Cultura, 360 Strategies
- Noemí Gómez Martínez, Community Liaison, City of Reno
- Mario A. Alpuche, Ph.D., Associate Professor UNR Dept. of Chemistry
- Lorraine T. Benuto, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Director of DICE Center UNR Dept. of Psychology
- Gerold B Dermid, MBA, Director, UNR Nevada Public Health Training Center
- Fatima Rivas, Multicultural Outreach Specialist, WUSD Parent University
- Andy Hughes, Executive Director, TMCC Admissions and Records

Latino Student Advisory Board

- President: Angelica Posadas Yareli Navarro Chavez
- Vice President: Yareli Navarro Chavez
- Treasurer: Lyzandro Villa-Espino
- Secretary: Nayeli Zarazúa
- Media Officer: Vanessa Mejia

Management Team Bios and Advisory Committees

Amy Fleming has been the Musical Director of High Desert Harmony Chorus since January 2017. She was a charter member of High Desert Harmony in 2004 and has stayed active with Sweet Adelines International when not with the chorus. She is a Certified Director with Sweet Adelines and sings with Free Range Quartet.

Dr. Cecilia Brooke Cholka is the Team Coordinator for HDH, has been a member since 2019, and has been singing barbershop since 2012. While working toward her BA in Theater, she took several courses on non-profit arts administration while also learning “on the job” with more than 10 years of experience working with various theater performance groups. Dr. Cholka works in research administration and compliance for human and animal research and sings Tenor with her quartet, Serafina.

Lea Unruh is the Membership Coordinator of High Desert Harmony and has been a member of Sweet Adelines since 2011. She is a retired Registered Dietitian and Management Analyst from the Dept of Veterans Affairs. She now volunteers her time as the Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and Events Coordinator of the Arrowcreek Pickleball Club and also volunteers at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in Reno, NV.

Laurel Lindstrom is the Financial Coordinator for High Desert Harmony and has been a member of Sweet Adelines since 2013. She has enjoyed singing in four quartets and has been singing with High Desert Harmony Chorus since 2019. Laurel is a retired registered nurse, VA Medical Center, where she ended her career as the Chief Nurse Executive. She is a long-time member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where she has served on council and directed the choir for eleven years. She currently serves as Financial Secretary.

Liz Deason is the Performance Coordinator for High Desert Harmony. She has been a member since January of 2022 and recently joined the management team. She is a retired teacher from Washoe County School District, where she taught Special Education, Kindergarten and served as a Reading Interventionist. She volunteers as Religious Education instructor at Holy Cross Catholic Community, tour guide with Comstock Foundation for History and Culture/Northern Nevada Ghosthunters, and is a member of Native Daughter's of the Golden West.

Cheryl Johnson is the Publicity Coordinator for High Desert Harmony and has been a member since July of 2023. She is recently retired from 40 years of teaching Elementary School. Cheryl holds a bachelor in Physical Education and Biology and a Masters in Elementary Education. She has enjoyed singing, playing flute, piano, and guitar, as well as doing visual arts her entire life. Cheryl is now teaching art for Arts for All Nevada, a non-profit organization that provides art education to the community young and old.

Alana Ridge is the Secretary for High Desert Harmony and has been a member of the chorus since 2018. She also sings Lead in Serafina Quartet, a Sweet Adelines International competitive women's quartet. Alana has been involved in musical theater, band, and choir since she was 10 years old and enjoys the barbershop harmony experience. She is currently a Communications

Business Partner at Renown Health, the largest not-for-profit integrated health system in northern Nevada, where she helps drive internal and external communications efforts.

Advisory Committees:

Music Team: The Music team will be responsible for leading sectionals, teaching music and supporting weekly education, and providing additional support to members in need. The team consists of the director as chair, assistant directors, section leaders, assistant section leaders and choreographers.

Visual Team: Will design all visual elements including attire, decor, and movement.

Performance Committee: Will manage all details for the performance including venue selection, special guest performers, advertising, and checking in with other team activity to keep everything on track.

MIDTOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Tres Benzley - President

In 1997, Tres moved from SLC to Open Regis Hairstylist at the Meadowood Mall and then opened Aquarius Salon Downtown Reno in 2007. He played an active member of the Riverwalk District for 5 years, then moved to MidTown in 2011 where he still owns and operates Caliber Hair & Makeup Studio.

Positions within the Reno community:

- > Member of MidTown through the inception as well as the Creative Coalition of MidTown
- > Active MidTown participant in the planning of the RTC road reconstruction
- > Active member of the VOA and Reno Works initiative helping our most vulnerable population, the unhoused.

"MidTown is a vibrant, walkable, energetic place where we support the arts, culture, tourism and entrepreneurship. I hope to contribute to the ever expanding growth and mindset of our community. "

Melanie Crane - Finance

Melanie Crane assumed ownership of Never Ender, a boutique and art gallery nestled in the vibrant heart of Midtown from her daughter Amber 14 years ago. Under Melanie's direction the establishment thrived until her recent well-deserved retirement. Never Ender's art gallery focused on nurturing young, emerging talents, many of whom continue to thrive as independent artists today.

Melanie, has been an integral part of the Midtown District community and has served on the Board for 5 years, and counting... a true Never Ender, exemplifying her unwavering dedication to its growth and prosperity.

Steve Hamile - Sponsorship

Steve Hamile, Chief Operating Officer at Sol-Up, is passionate about aviation, which parallels his commitment to sound decision-making. This commitment extends to environmental choices despite potential adverse effects on the company's bottom line.

Steve's unwavering dedication revolves around renewable energy solutions and the urgent need to address the impending harm facing our planet and its precious resources. He aligns himself with Sol-Up's mission to advance their vital work in this critical and delicate realm.

Northern Nevada Rural Concert Initiative

Board of Directors

Steven Meyer – President

Mr. Meyer is a seasoned professional in office and organization management with over 20 years hands-on experience in office-front line environments, utilizing best practice problem-solving techniques. He has a strong background in providing quality customer service, especially in challenging work environments. Mr. Meyer is a seasoned entertainer. In addition to regularly performing as a singer with the Nevada Opera, Reno Pops Orchestra, Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company, and the Nevada Gay Men's Chorus, He is currently the Admin for the Performing Arts Department at Truckee Meadows Community College and the Executive Director of the Nevada Gay Men's Chorus.

Brian Fox – Vice President

Brian Fox is Director of Orchestras for the Carson City School District, where he coordinates the Northern Zone Honor Orchestra, conducts Pit Orchestra for Carson High School musicals, and serves as Co-Chair for the NMEA All-State Orchestra. He is Concertmaster of the Carson City Symphony. Brian also performs with Northern Nevada String Serenade and the Reno Philharmonic and gives annual summer recitals with pianist Eric Kao. In 2011 he performed a series of recitals with Mexican pianist Enrique Salas Durazo, featuring the music of Astor Piazzolla. In 2012 he toured Uruguay as part of the Academic Chamber Orchestra of Montevideo. He received the Vertchamp Award for Musical Excellence from the University of California, Riverside in 2013. He holds a Ph.D. in Latin American Literature, also from UC Riverside. Brian loves spending time with family and friends, cooking, meditating, hiking, and reading.

Brandon Dodge – Treasurer

Brandon Dodge is a performer and educator in the Northern Nevada and Northern California area. He helps coach percussion and drum set students in several school districts as well as provides master classes and adjudication for various school related functions. Brandon also performs with many local and occasional regional orchestras, jazz big bands, musicals, solos duos, trios and many more while also recording and performing in his own ensembles. Currently, he is focused on a community driven music academy designated to a wide range of demographics and needs. When not teaching or playing, he assists at KD Sound Co as their head of backline rentals.

Brandon has played as the principal percussionist in NNRCI since its inception and has recently joined the board to try and further support this great organization.

David Haskin – Secretary

David Haskins is an avid violinist, educator, and arts ambassador. Currently based in Reno, NV, Mr. Haskins has performed across the country with Wilmington Symphony, Johnson City Symphony, Symphony of the Mountains, Sunriver Festival Orchestra, and internationally in Spain and Austria. Currently a member of Reno Philharmonic and Reno Chamber Orchestra, Haskins enjoys a busy teaching and performing life. He performs all styles of music and has been a regular at Tahoe wedding venues since he moved to Reno in 2016. Haskins also maintains a private studio of 25 students and serves as concertmaster for the Northern Nevada String Serenade, an up-and-coming ensemble that brings live music to rural communities across Northern Nevada. When not making music, Haskins is most likely spending time with his dog Rocky or outside hiking or skiing.

Annabel B. Navarro – General Director

In addition to being a charter member and violinist in the Northern Nevada Rural Concert Initiative, Ms. Navarro currently serves on the board of directors as Secretary. She has also been a volunteer and has served as principal second violin in the Reno Pops Orchestra for more than five seasons. In addition to playing violin, she has edited and produced the concert programs and flyers for both orchestras. Before joining the Reno Pops Orchestra, Ms. Navarro supported the Carson Valley Pops in Minden, Nevada, as a member of the orchestra and by creating and maintaining their website. She also prepared the concert flyers and programs, and served as Vice President of their board, along with her husband who was board president. Ms. Navarro has played in other area orchestras, including the Ruby Mountain Symphony, Carson City Symphony, and Toccata Symphony Orchestra, based in Incline Village, Nevada. Outside the music world, Ms. Navarro worked in marketing and promotions for a California-based software company and for a small radio station. From grade school through college, she studied and majored in music and theater arts in Los Angeles area schools.

Our orchestra values the input, suggestions, and expertise of our musicians, from whom we have drawn a Players' Committee. This players' committee includes section leaders, as well as any other players who would like to become involved in assisting and advising our players, conductor and board of directors. Duties include meeting to suggest and give feedback on musical selections, analyzing audience and musician surveys, suggest marketing strategies, coordinating with other orchestral organizations, providing volunteer assistance in various managerial and musical tasks of the organization, coordinating outreach in rural communities, establishment of policies and procedures that contribute to our ensemble's cohesiveness, musical excellence, and growth.

Jessica Maddox – General Director

Jessica Maddox is a fifth-generation northern Nevada who has been involved in a number of non-profit organizations, including the Biggest Little Swing Dance Club (BLSDC), Great Basin Outdoor School, and Sheep Dip Show. She is a graduate of the University of Nevada Reno with a degree in History and a minor in Italian studies. She is the Collection Management Archivist at the University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections and University Archives department. Jessica is no stranger to the theatre or to music. She plays cello, piano and is an experience stage manager.

Joshua Mittendorf – General Director

Originally from the Minneapolis area, Josh moved to Reno, Nevada after receiving his undergraduate degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in 2009. He has taught in the Washoe County School district for 12 years and currently is the director of orchestras and guitar at Damonte Ranch High School Performing Arts Center. Josh completed his Master's degree in Music Education at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2021. Continuously involved with the education and music community, Josh is a member of the National Association for Music Educators, American String Teachers Association, the International Society of Bassists, the Suzuki Association of America, and the Viola da Gamba Society of America. Josh is an active bassist in the Reno/Tahoe area and acts as the principal bassist for the Reno Pops Orchestra and the Northern Nevada String Serenade as well as performing with many local symphonies and ensembles. During his studies, he has worked with Robert Anderson of the Minnesota Orchestra, Hans Halt from the University of Nevada, Reno, and acclaimed soloist Lauren Pierce.

Noelle Rader--Principal Viola, Volunteer Co-librarian, Public School Liaison, Youth Clinician/Outreach Program Advisor, Programming Committee

Aren Long--Continuo Leader, Chamber Ensemble Coach, Programming Committee

Danielle Cates--Section Violinist; Public Schools Liaison

Will Cates--Trumpet Soloist; Wind Instrument Representative

Eric Kao--Asst. Principal Viola, Asst. Collaborative Pianist; Programming Committee

Trudy Gonzales--Section Violinist; Hospitality and Musician Morale Committee, Rural Concerts Committee

Rhonda Ahmad--Section Violinist; Grant, Marketing, and Fundraising Advisor

Roderick Royce--Section Violist; Elko outreach coordinator, Public School Liaison

Toni Mendive--Retired/Former Ruby Mountain Symphony Board Member; Elko Outreach/Audience Liaison Committee

Reno Chamber Orchestra Board of Directors

Revised August 24, 2023

Edie Cartwright

1st Vice President, Growth & Development Chair

Communications and PR specialist. Served as Public Information Officer for Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto.

Les Cohen

Member of Artistic Affairs and Governance committees

Retired attorney specializing in labor law; past RCO board president.

Barbara Fox

Artistic Affairs Chair, member of Growth & Development

Avid volunteer and music lover.

Melissa Krall

Member of Growth & Development committee

Career experience in medical administration, and member of many nonprofit boards.

Eric Lovejoy

Member of Finance & Artistic Affairs committees

Engineer and business owner, a lifelong member of the Reno classical music community.

Ron Luschar

Board President

Career experience in Emergency Management, member of many nonprofit boards over the years including the Sky Taven Ski Patrol.

Christopher Piekarz

Member of Governance committee

IT professional working for NSHE, and avid volunteer as IT support for local organizations.

Lloyd Rogers

2nd Vice President, Governance chair, Finance

Retired Operating Partner at private investment firm Riverside Partners, former president of Nevada Opera

John Tozzi

Past President

Rear Admiral of the U.S. Coast Guard (retired), graduated U.S. Coast Guard Academy and MIT

Holly Walton-Buchanan

Secretary, Growth & Development committee

Retired teacher; author of four popular books on Reno's history; board member of the Reno Historic Preservation Society; volunteer at Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary

Reno Jazz Orchestra Advisory

Committees Administrative Committee:

Vern Scarbrough, Chair
Joe Gorman
Scot Marshall
Chuck Reider
Tim Young

Education Committee:

Nichole Heglund, Chair
Chuck Reider
Andy Heglund
Vern Scarbrough
Josh Reed
Kate Pollard, ad hoc
Dylan Coleman-Tunstall, ad hoc

Finance Committee:

Scott Thunder, Chair
Matt Booher
Chuck Reider
Vern Scarbrough
Tim Young

Marketing & Program Development Committee:

Lee Koch, Chair
Chuck Reider
Danne Polk
Michael Eardley
Linda Newberg