

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**PRESS CONTACT**Voleine Amilcar, Director of Public Relations
(510) 647-2917, vamilcar@berkeleyrep.org**BERKELEY REP ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP TO GUIDE THEATRE****Former McGraw-Hill executive Thalia Dorwick appointed board president for 2013-14 season**

October 15, 2013 – Today [Berkeley Repertory Theatre](http://BerkeleyRepertoryTheatre.com) announces its 2013-14 board of trustees, a team of exemplary leaders and art advocates from the Bay Area's leading organizations and companies who will steer the Theatre through its 46th season. At its annual board of trustees meeting, the board elected author and retired McGraw-Hill executive Thalia Dorwick as its president, welcomed new and returning members, and reaffirmed its commitment to Berkeley Rep's mission to produce and present ambitious and innovative theatre.

"I'm thrilled to serve as president of the board," remarks Dorwick. "I've been coming to the Theatre for decades and have been a member of the board for over eight years. I'm honored to serve in this new capacity. I have always admired Berkeley Rep's deep and unwavering commitment to produce and present engaging work. Berkeley Rep's name is synonymous with excellence. As we look to the future, we are committed to continuing that excellence in a manner that is true to the Berkeley Rep spirit."

Berkeley Rep begins its 2013-14 season with an all-time record-level subscribership of nearly 18,000 individuals, proving that, now more than ever, Bay Area residents and visitors value its presentation of provocative and adventurous theatre. Even as its already-extended production of the 2013 winner of the Tony Award for Best Play, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, earns rave reviews and delights audiences in the Roda Theatre, Berkeley Rep continues to draw national attention for its productions. In the last seven years, seven of Berkeley Rep's shows have landed on Broadway, including August's sold-out run of *No Man's Land* featuring legendary actors Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart.

"The Theatre's continued success is due, in large part, to our board of trustees, who are among the Bay Area's best, most thoughtful individuals," says Susan Medak, managing director of Berkeley Rep. "We're thrilled to have Thalia Dorwick, a true champion of the Theatre, as president for the upcoming term. We are also pleased to welcome new members to the board and to welcome back a few past trustees who will return to our board after some time away. We are eager to see where their passion and expertise will take us as we move toward the next exciting chapter of Berkeley Rep's history."

The officers of Berkeley Rep's board, elected to one-year terms, are as follows:

- **President: Thalia Dorwick**, retired editor in chief, McGraw-Hill Higher Education
- **Vice President: Helen Meyer**, president, Meyer Sound
- **Vice President: Jill Fugaro**, retired founder and CEO, Murlin Apparel Group, Inc.
- **Secretary: Scott Haber**, partner, Latham & Watkins LLP
- **Treasurer: Emily Shanks**, small businesses regional executive, Bank of America
- **Chair of the Trustees Committee: Roger A. Strauch**, chairman, The Roda Group
- **Chair of the Audit Committee: William T. Espey**, vice president, private banking at Union Bank
- **President Emeritus: Marjorie Randolph**, retired senior vice president of Walt Disney Studios

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Two new members have joined the board for the upcoming season:

- **Leonard X Rosenberg**, attorney/partner, Mayer Brown LLP
- **Bruce Golden**, partner, Accel Partners

Three board officers return for another term:

- **Emily Shanks**, senior vice president and market executive for Bank of America, former chair of the audit committee, returns as treasurer
- **Scott Haber**, corporate partner at Latham & Watkins LLP, maintains his position as secretary
- **Roger A. Strauch**, chairman, The Roda Group, a trustee last year, now serves as chair of the trustees committee

Three former trustees have returned to serve new terms:

- **Felicia Woytak**, managing director, 65th Street Development Co.
- **Sandra R. McCandless**, partner, Dentons US LLP
- **Becky Bleich**, community leader

Those individuals are part of a team that totals 32 trustees, including the following eminent local citizens:

- **Carrie Avery**, president, Durfee Foundation
- **Martha Ehmman Conte**, consultant
- **Robin Edwards**, retired partner, Dentons US LLP
- **William Falik**, managing partner, Westpark Community Builders
- **Lisa Finer**, executive vice president, Wells Fargo
- **David Fleishhacker**, president, Fleishhacker Foundation
- **Kerry L. Francis**, partner, Deloitte FAS LLP
- **Paul T. Friedman**, partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- **David Hoffman**, Ph.D., associate director for external collaboration, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute
- **Carole S. Krumland**, director, Harold & Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust
- **Dale Rogers Marshall**, president emerita, Wheaton College
- **Julie M. McCray**, community leader
- **Susan Medak**, managing director, Berkeley Repertory Theatre
- **Pamela Nichter**, CFO, COO, and vice president, Osterweis Capital Management
- **Jack Schafer**, president, Jack Schafer Associates
- **Richard M. Shapiro**, partner, Farella Braun + Martel LLP
- **Jean Z. Strunsky**, trustee, Ira and Leonore Gershwin Trust
- **Tony Taccone**, artistic director, Berkeley Repertory Theatre
- **Gail Wagner**, MD, the Permanente Medical Group

Berkeley Repertory Theatre has grown from a storefront stage to an international leader in innovative theatre. Known for its core values of imagination and excellence, as well as its educated and adventurous audience, the nonprofit has provided a welcoming home for emerging and established artists since 1968. In four decades, four million people have enjoyed more than 300 shows at Berkeley Rep. These shows have gone on to win five Tony Awards, seven Obie Awards, nine Drama Desk Awards, one Grammy Award, and many other honors. **For more information**, call (510) 647-2949 or click berkeleyrep.org.