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Clarence Brown Theatre Advisory Board Appoints New Members

The Clarence Brown Theatre, one of thirteen professional LORT (League of Regional Theatres) theatres on a university campus in the country, announced its newly appointed Advisory Board members. The Advisory Board is the link to the community, overseeing major events and fundraisers, the CBT Society Scholarship, and engaging the community to grow the theatre's support.

“What this diverse group of new Advisory Board members share is their passion for theatre,” said Calvin MacLean, Artistic Producing Director of the CBT. “We are thrilled to have them join our stellar group of advisory board members.”

The newly elected Advisory Board members of the Clarence Brown Theatre include:

- **Michael Grider** currently serves as communications manager for Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. He's active in various community organizations, including Young Professional Knoxville Civitan, Leadership Knoxville and the local chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.
- **Tony Johnson** is the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing Affiliates, Inc., based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to joining SMA, he was the Assistant Vice President for Marketing at Mississippi Valley State University and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the institution's Trademark Licensing Program, University Bookstore, Athletic Marketing and some components of development. Before his corporate career, Tony played tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles, New Orleans Saints and the Detroit Lions in the NFL.
- **Maureen Dunn McBride** currently works on a number of non-profit Boards, including serving as Chair of the Board of Advisors of the Women's Fund of East Tennessee, as a member of the Board of the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Research Institute, N.Y, N.Y, and as Treasurer and Board member of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. From 2001 to 2010, she held the position of Executive Vice President and General Council of TVA.
- **Lamarr Stout** is the owner of Benefits Management Group, Inc. He also is the Director of Benefits Plans for WMG Companies. Prior to working with WMG, he founded the employee benefits division of a Knoxville based financial planning firm.

- **Alexander Waters** is an attorney at Long, Ragsdale & Waters, P.C. in Knoxville, TN. In addition, he completed two month-long excursions to Wyoming and Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School and is a regular panelist on Fox43's "Heavy Hitters" show. He also is active in local, regional and national politics.

The 2014-2015 Chair of the Advisory Board is **Georgiana Vines**, serving a two-year term. Past Chair is **Liz Stowers**. Other officers include **Bob Parrott**, Treasurer, and **Susan Sgarlat**, Secretary.

Other Advisory and Associate Board members include: Roy Aaron, Barbara Apking, Nan Crawford Bobbett, Charlie Brakebill, Brooks Clark, Joe DeFiore, Deb DiPietro, Susan Farris, Rosemary Gilliam, Amy Morris Hess, Julie Howard, Lyle Irish, Russ Johnston, Bob Lederer, Brenda Madigan, Sheena McCall, Townes Lavidge Osborn, Mary Stuart Neely, William Pender, Stephanie Piper, Whitney Ray-Dawson, Sally Sefton, Jan Simek, Alan Solomon, Judi Starliper, Alice Torbett, Joe Trahern Jr., Mimi Browning Turner, Peggy Hankins Turner, Robin Turner, Alice Wirth, Melanie C. Wood and Wendy Wortham.

With a dual mission to train the next generation of theatre artists and to provide top quality professional theatre, the Clarence Brown Theatre at the University of Tennessee Knoxville is one of only 12 academic LORT (League of Resident Theatre) institutions in the nation. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Calvin MacLean and Managing Director David B. Byrd, the CBT season runs from August through May and features eight productions ranging from musicals to drama.

The 2014-2015 season includes: *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, *The Miracle Worker*, *4000 Miles*, *A Christmas Carol*, "Master Harold" ...and the boys, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *A Shayna Maidel*, and *The Threepenny Opera*. For more information or tickets, call the CBT Box Office at 865-974-5161 or visit us online at <http://clarencbrowntheatre.com/>. Stay connected to the Clarence Brown Theatre on Facebook (Clarence Brown Theatre), follow us on Twitter (@ClarenceBrown) and view Clarence Brown videos on YouTube (Clarence Bro).

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