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Beck Center Announces New Board Chair

Lakewood, OH—Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chairman to our Board of Directors.

Vice-Chairman Douglas Hoffman has been named Chairman of the Board, replacing current Board Chair Margaret Weitzel. Weitzel is stepping down after serving an extended term and will remain a member of the Board of Directors.

“We are thankful to Maggie for her passionate leadership and her commitment to the Beck Center mission,” said Lucinda Einhouse, Beck Center’s President and CEO. “We look forward to welcoming Doug and benefitting from his leadership in this new role.”

About Douglas Hoffman

Doug has been practicing architecture for the last forty years including over twenty years in New York City serving Fortune 500 corporate clients such as J.P Morgan Bank, the VF Corporation, and Sony. Doug taught architecture at Penn State University’s highly regarded architecture department from 1995 to 2000 and over the last several years has been managing the Cleveland branch office of Weber Murphy Fox. Doug’s architecture and design projects have received recognition from the American Institute of Architects and the Cleveland Restoration Society. He has a Master of Science in Architecture from The Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelor of Architecture from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

In addition to serving as Vice-Chair of Beck Center for the Arts Board of Directors, he is Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee. He is also Emeritus Board Member and former Board Chair of Ingenuity Arts and Technology Festival Board of Directors, Chair of the Sacred Landmarks Support Initiative for the Cleveland Restoration Society, and member of the Advisory Board for The Sacred Landmarks Initiative of Lorain County Community College.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming for all ages and abilities, including dance, music, theater, visual arts, and creative arts therapies for individuals with special needs, outreach education, and free gallery exhibitions.

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