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**KRAVIS CENTER HONORS ITS BOARD MEMBERS AND LIFE TRUSTEES AT SPECIAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN THE SHAPIRO FOUNDERS' ROOM**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL** — The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts honored its Board of Directors and Life Trustees on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the Kravis Center's exclusive Shapiro Founders' Room.

As a harpist played, guests were greeted with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres. Judith Mitchell, the Kravis Center's Chief Executive Officer, welcomed Kravis Center Board members and Life Trustees expressing gratitude for their support and commitment to the Kravis Center.

"The Kravis Center would not be functioning without the generosity, leadership and continued support that you all provide year in and year out," Ms. Mitchell noted. "We are indeed grateful for the guidance, commitment and devotion each of you contributes on a regular basis. It is because of you that the Kravis Center is able to continue to dazzle audiences with a diverse array of the biggest shows and remain the premier center for the performing arts in South Florida."

There have been four Chairs of the Board of Directors since the Kravis Center's inception. Ms. Mitchell acknowledged with gratitude that all four were in attendance at the reception: founding Chairman Alexander Dreyfoos; past Chairman William Meyer; immediate past Chair Jane Mitchell and current Chairman Michael Bracci.

Ms. Mitchell then noted the recent passings of former Board members John Dodge and Stanley Rumbough before turning the program over to current Board Chairman, Michael Bracci.

Mr. Bracci provided a recap of the last season's milestones and predicted the current season will be another stellar time for the Kravis Center.

"Tonight is a very special evening honoring very important people," said Mr. Bracci. "The Kravis Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated last season, brought additional recognition and support to this institution. Exciting plans are in motion for us in the months ahead. In fact, the Kravis Center's future has never looked brighter."

In attendance at the reception were new Board members Bradley Hurston and Irene Karp. Also in attendance was West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio.

The reception coincided with opening night of *The King and I*, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of *Kravis On Broadway*, the Center's series of spectacular musicals, blockbuster hits and theatrical masterpieces.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality, by offering comprehensive arts education programs, by providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations to showcase their work and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For general information about the Kravis Center, please visit [kravis.org](http://kravis.org) or call 561-832-7469 (561-832-SHOW). Follow the Kravis Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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