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KRAVIS CENTER HONORS ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LIFE TRUSTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.) The Board of Directors, Life Trustees and Standing Committee members of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts were honored on April 26 at an annual luncheon, which also celebrated highlights of the season.

The annual luncheon was sponsored by Laurie Silvers and Mitchell Rubenstein, who have generously underwritten the event for the past 12 years. Ms. Silvers, who serves as Board Vice Chair, welcomed guests and shared about the Kravis Center's arts education programs and how they help to prepare the next generation of artists and audiences.

Following lunch, Board Chairman Michael Bracci paid tribute to two loyal and generous Kravis Center Life Trustees who passed away this season, Stanley Rumbough, Jr. and John Dodge.

"Each of these men leave an outstanding legacy of leadership and distinguished service to the Kravis Center's mission and to their community," Bracci said.

Mr. Bracci acknowledged and congratulated Board members Dr. Barbara Golden and Garrison (Gary) duP. Lickle, who at the end of the season will each be awarded the designation of Kravis Center Life Trustee upon completion of their terms as members of the Board.

Dr. Barbara Golden was elected to the Board in April 2006. She served on the Kravis Center's Education Committee and was the committee's chair from 2006-2018. She also served on the Development Committee and the Governance/Nominating Committee.

"Dr. Golden is a true champion of arts education programs for children," Mr. Bracci said. "Together with her husband, Jerry, they have been extremely generous with their contributions to all of our campaigns."

Mr. Lickle was elected to the Board in November 2005 and served as Board Treasurer from 2007-2013. He served on the Finance Committee and was the committee's chair from 2007 -2013. Mr. Lickle was also a member of the CEO Review Committee, Executive Committee, and Investment Committee.

"Gary has provided us with prudent and timely financial advice and support and has encouraged many others to give generously," Mr. Bracci said.

Mr. Bracci then announced the capital campaign, *Kravis 2020: The Future is Now*. He gave an overview of the expansion project and presented a video showing the enhancements that will begin to take shape over the summer and what the Kravis Center will look like come 2020. The project will enhance the Center's experience for patrons by creating a more accessible, safe and pedestrian-friendly venue for

the entire community, increasing the size of the lobby, creating a pedestrian-friendly plaza opening onto Okeechobee Boulevard, adding a new valet parking garage, and improving traffic flow on the campus.

He then introduced John Kessler, the Kravis Center's Board Treasurer and *Kravis 2020* Chairman.

"I am excited to be chairing *Kravis 2020* and know it will be a great success," said Mr. Kessler, noting that the campaign is off to a great start, with approximately \$13 million committed to date. "Everyone in this room is an ambassador for the Kravis Center and with your help, this performing arts center will continue to be the focal point of West Palm Beach for years to come."

Mr. Kessler then welcomed Mr. Bracci back to the podium where he introduced Kravis Center CEO, Judith Mitchell.

Ms. Mitchell thanked attendees, stating that it takes great team effort to run the Kravis Center. "It has not only been a fantastic season, but it has also been a very, very busy one!" In the recap of the season, Ms. Mitchell announced that we met and exceeded our annual fundraising goal of \$6 million dollars, two and a half months before the end of our fiscal year. Our programming, attendance and usage by the community of all of our facilities and venues continues at an extremely high level. *Pollstar*, the only publication that measures the number of tickets sold by all concert venues around the world with up to 10,000 seats, rated the Kravis Center fifth in the world, third in the United States and first in Florida.

"This is particularly impressive, since the Kravis Center only has 2,195 seats and we are being compared to venues having nearly five times as many seats," she noted.

"As we build on the progress of the past and as we embark on our capital campaign for this incredible project we are undertaking, I sincerely thank you for your continued leadership and support," concluded Ms. Mitchell. The luncheon ended with a video of the upcoming 2018-2019 *Kravis on Broadway* season.

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 information, please visit kravis.org.

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