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## **ArtsFund Welcomes New Board Members and New Board Leadership**

Erin Hobson (Sellen Construction) is elevated to Board Chair, as Sung Yang (Pacific Public Affairs) moves to Chair of the Governance Committee

**SEATTLE, November 15, 2022** – ArtsFund is pleased to announce new leadership and new members to its Board of Directors. ArtsFund supports the arts through leadership, advocacy, and grantmaking in order to build a healthy, equitable, and creative Washington. Founded in 1969, the Seattle-based nonprofit has been building community through the arts for more than 50 years. ArtsFund was originally founded to bring corporate and civic leaders together to help establish and sustain our region's arts and cultural institutions. Over its grantmaking history, ArtsFund has supported more than 650 arts organizations with more than \$100 million in grants, and provided valuable leadership and advocacy. ArtsFund has a 32-member Board that supports the organization's strategic mission.

Erin Hobson, Executive Vice President at Sellen Construction, succeeds Sung Yang, Principal at Pacific Public Affairs, as ArtsFund's Board Chair. Patrick Evans, President and CEO of Sound Health assumes Chair-Elect, while Yang moves to Immediate Past Chair.

New Board members include:

- Leslie Ray Bernstein, Executive Director, Bernstein Family Foundation
- Rep. Liz Berry, Representative of LD36 with Washington State House of Representatives
- Maria Mackey, Director of Real Estate at Vulcan
- Veronica Morrissette, Senior VP and Private Client Manager at Bank of America
- Andrew Recinos, President and CEO at Tessitura Network
- Loren Supp, Principal at HOK Seattle
- Serena Sayani, Shareholder at Stokes Lawrence
- Andrea Templeton, Partner at K&L Gates LLP

ArtsFund also recognizes the service of Board members terming out:

- Dana Lorenze, Senior VP at Expeditors International of Washington
- Nina Tessiore, Senior VP and Private Client Advisor at Bank of America Privat Bank
- Stephan Coonrod, Partner at K&L Gates LLP
- **Sandy McDade** Retired Senior VP and General Counsel at Weyerhaeuser Company (McDade will remain as the ArtsFund Foundation Board chair)

The full Board Membership list can be found here. Boards | ArtsFund



**ERIN HOBSON** is an Executive Vice President at Sellen Construction, one of the largest commercial builders in the region. She leads client partnerships, business development strategy, community engagement, and oversees the Sellen Community Foundation. Erin has helped create a purposeful and inclusive business with annual revenues as high as \$900 million building projects for clients in technology, healthcare, life sciences, education, government, and office and residential development. She is passionate about

supporting mission-based arts and cultural organizations with fundraising, planning, and building projects. Clients include the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Pacific Science Center, KEXP, Seattle Storm, Seattle Art Museum, Olympic Sculpture Park, Tacoma Arts Museum, MOHAI, the Cultural Space Agency, Totem Star, The Rhapsody Project, Red Eagle Soaring, and many others. Erin is a graduate of the Edward R. Murrow School of Communication from Washington State University, and has an education and practice in fine art. She is Chair of the Board of Directors for ArtsFund and chairs the equity and inclusion committee, has served as a Board Member of CREW (Commercial Real Estate Washington), and is a graduate of the Leadership Tomorrow Program. She is from Southwest Washington and lives in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle with her husband and two young boys.

Bios and Photos of new Board members attached as a PDF.

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## **About ArtsFund**

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