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***United Arts Welcomes Seven New Community Leaders to Board of Directors***

**Orlando, Fla. – July 11, 2013** – United Arts of Central Florida is pleased to welcome seven new community and philanthropic leaders to the Board of Directors. Edward Hensley; Dr. Stacey R. Johnson; Jennifer McCarthy, FACHE; Christine Moore; Penelope B. Perez-Kelly; Jennifer Quigley; and Kate Wilson join a revitalized board led by Chairwoman Linda Landman Gonzalez, the Orlando Magic’s Vice President of Community Relations and Government Affairs.

“In addition to achieving record-setting results, this past year has been a time of change and renewal for our board and organization!” said Gonzalez. “Our new board members are committed to our progress and to ensuring another successful year. I look forward to working with each of them and the balance of our board, as we continue to advance our efforts to support Central Florida’s arts, sciences and history organizations and through them, our Central Florida community. My sincere thanks to all of our board members for the time, resources and vitality they provide to us.”

The seven new board members are:

**Edward Hensley**, co-founder of AssistRX, Inc. Hensley has spent his career in the health care industry working to improve people’s quality of life. His experience features leadership roles in specialty pharmaceutical corporations including the 2005 launch of Advanced Care Scripts Inc. now a unit of Omnicare Inc., a Fortune 500 Company. His latest venture, AssistRX, Inc., provides state of the art technology to the biotech and pharmaceutical industry and their prescribers. In 2009, Hensley co-founded The Assistance Fund, a nonprofit committed to ensuring that no one goes without needed medications due to an inability to pay. Since its founding, the Assistance Fund has provided more than \$146 million in grants to the needy across the United States and Puerto Rico.

**Dr. Stacey R. Johnson**, Campus President, East and Winter Park Campuses, Valencia College. With more than 30 years of experience in higher education and 20 years of direct institutional administrative experience, Dr. Johnson was named Campus President for East Campus, known as the Arts & Entertainment Campus, and Winter Park Campus in 2012. Dr. Johnson is also a past member of the United States Olympic team (1980) and the U.S. Olympic Committee’s Executive Committee (2000-2004) as well as the first woman to hold a four-year term as President of U.S. Fencing’s National Governing Body. She has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Achievement and the NCAA Silver

Anniversary Award and has been inducted into the San Antonio Women's, San Jose State University, San Antonio Sports and U.S. Fencing Halls of Fame.

**Jennifer McCarthy**, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer for Dr. P. Phillips Hospital a full service medical and surgical facility of Orlando Health. With more than 20 years of healthcare experience, Jennifer currently oversees all operational aspects of the hospital. In addition, she has served on the boards of many community and professional organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Council of 100 at the Brevard Art Center and Museum, the Women's Center Guild and the Central Florida American College of Healthcare Executives.

**Christine Moore**, current Chair of the Orange County School Board Communications Committee, member of the Legislative Committee and member of the Board of Directors for the Florida School Boards Association. Committed to the preservation of fine arts education in our schools, Christine is a University of Michigan cum laude graduate in Music Education and Performance. She has performed with the Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Bach Festival Orchestra and the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Christine is the founder of a multi-media public relations firm and serves with area civic organizations including the Orange County Charter Review Commission, Citizen's Review Panel and Children's First Scholarship Organization.

**Penelope B. Perez-Kelly**, of Counsel, McClane Partners. Penelope's practice centers on trademarks, copyrights, immigration, commercial litigation and international business law. Board Certified in International Law from the Florida Bar in 2012 she is an alum of the University of Miami and University of Florida College of Law. Penelope was awarded the Orange County Bar Associations's Lawrence G. Matthews, Jr. Young Lawyer Professionalism Award in 2011 and is a member of the Florida Bar International Law Section Executive Council and the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida where she served as President in 2007.

**Jennifer Quigley**, founding principal of WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc., a civil engineering firm located in Downtown Orlando. As the Chairwoman of See Art Orlando, Jennifer is overseeing the acquisition and installation of eight outdoor sculptures to Downtown Orlando this Fall. A longtime member and past Chair for the Downtown Development Board and the Community Redevelopment Agency Jennifer is the outgoing Chair of the Orange County Cultural Arts Advisory Council and a member of the Orange County Public Art Review Board. Jennifer and her fiancé own and manage the Gallery at Avalon Island, and are sponsors of the Kiene/Quigley Gallery at CityArts Factory.

**Kate Wilson**, Vice President, Community Affairs Officer – Central Florida Government and Community Relations Group, Wells Fargo. With more than 15 years of professional experience in community relations, reputation management and strategic communication, Kate works to uphold and promote Wells Fargo's reputation in the community and manages philanthropy – community investments and volunteerism – across 14 countries. A native of Central Florida returning to Orlando after a lengthy stint in Boston, Massachusetts, Kate currently mentors students in the Read2Success Program, is a member of Leadership Orlando's Class 85 and has served as a Board Member of Boston's Children's Chorus, an Overseer for Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, and Chairperson for the Boston Givers Group.

"I am thrilled with the wide ranging expertise and leadership brought to United Arts by our new board members," said Flora Maria Garcia. "While the overall environment remains challenging for our artistic community, these talented individuals will be welcome additions to our arts-committed and engaged board."

United Arts also confirmed officers for an additional one-year term:

**Linda Landman Gonzalez**, Chair

**Bob McAdam**, Vice Chair

**Jean Nowry**, Treasurer

**Jennifer Quigley**, Secretary

**Christopher M. McCann**, Chair, Audit & Finance

**Scott E. Bowman**, Chair, Development

**Tony Jenkins**, Chair, Nominating

**Martha Hartley**, Chair, Standards & Allocations

### **About United Arts of Central Florida**

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations and artists. Its mission is to unite, strengthen and enhance the Central Florida community through the arts and culture.

United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 50 local arts, sciences and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services.

United Arts has invested more than \$121 million in local organizations and education since its founding in 1989.

More information is available at [www.UnitedArts.cc](http://www.UnitedArts.cc) or by calling 407-628-0333.

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