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## ***UNITED ARTS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP***

**ORLANDO, Fla. — March 28, 2019 —** United Arts of Central Florida is pleased to announce that current United Arts Vice Chair of Standards and Allocation, and Vice Chair of Development Brendan Lynch, shareholder at Lowndes, has been elected as United Arts Board Chair. Current Treasurer Daniel J. O’Keefe, shareholder at MSL CPAs & Advisors, will move into the position of United Arts Vice Chair and Chair Elect. Current Chair of the United Arts Audit & Finance Committee Wilson Lopez, managing director at RiskPoint Consulting Group, will move into the position of Treasurer. Current United Arts Board Chair Kate Wilson, senior vice president, community affairs manager at Wells Fargo, will continue, serving as Immediate Past Chair. These leadership roles for Board of Directors/Executive Committee will go into effect July 1, 2019.

“The Board leadership at United Arts has historically provided wisdom and guidance to United Arts while acting as advocates for arts and culture,” said Flora Maria Garcia, president and CEO of United Arts. “With Brendan Lynch as Board Chair, Daniel J. O’Keefe as Vice Chair, and Wilson Lopez as Treasurer, I am certain that United Arts will flourish. We are proud of our past leadership’s accomplishments and look forward to the exciting potential of our incoming leaders.”

**Brendan Lynch**, shareholder at Lowndes, has been elected as United Arts Board Chair, after serving two years as co-chair of both Development and Standards & Allocations committees. At Lowndes, Lynch represents both commercial- and residential-property land owners, as well as tenant business owners, in issues of eminent domain/condemnation and property tax appeals and he continues the legacy of Lowndes’ strong support for the arts. A long-time advocate for the arts and member of the United Arts Board of Directors, he has served in leadership roles for the Adult Literacy League, the Orange County Teen Court, and Heart of Florida United Way.

**Daniel J. O’Keefe**, shareholder at MSL CPAs & Advisors, is the current Board Treasurer and will move into the position of Vice Chair. O’Keefe is the Orlando office managing partner of MSL CPAs & Advisors and Vice-Chairman of the MSL Board of Directors. He has more than 40 years of public accounting, governmental, and nonprofit experience. O’Keefe also serves on the Board of Trustees of Seminole State College and the Board of Directors of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce.

**Wilson Lopez**, managing director at RiskPoint Consulting Group and former chair of the United Arts Audit & Finance Committee will move into the position of Treasurer. Lopez is the managing director and one of the founders of RiskPoint Consulting Group based in Oviedo, Florida, with more than 35 years’

experience in financial control, state and federal tax regulations, regulatory compliance and internal audit. He has worked for the State of New York, the I.R.S., Citigroup and RSM (one of the largest accounting firms in the country).

**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 enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history. United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 60 local arts, science and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services. Since 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$150 million in Central Florida's arts and culture.

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