

Artis—Naples

*Home of The Baker Museum
and the Naples Philharmonic*

For Immediate Release

Contact: Tim Hausler, Communications Manager

thausler@artisnaples.org | 239-254-2794

Website: artisnaples.org

Facebook: [facebook.com/artisnaples](https://www.facebook.com/artisnaples)

Instagram: [artisnaples](https://www.instagram.com/artisnaples) | Twitter: [@artisnaples](https://twitter.com/artisnaples)

**ARTIS—NAPLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD CHAIR
AND FOUR NEW MEMBERS**

Heidi Miller named chair of Artis—Naples board

***Mary Kowarick, Robert Krupka, Dennis Ling and Douglas M.
VanOort join board***

Naples, FL (October 5, 2023) — The Artis—Naples Board of Directors proudly announces the appointment of a new board chair and the election of four distinguished new members. These appointments were effective on July 1, 2023.

Previously appointed vice chair of the board in July 2022 and serving on the board since 2018, Heidi Miller now assumes the role of board chair, succeeding Lois Juliber. In addition to Miller's new appointment, the board is pleased to welcome Mary Kowarick, Robert Krupka, Dennis Ling and Douglas M. VanOort.

“Our board of directors is the guiding force behind our diverse and vibrant cultural ecosystem, uniting individuals who share our commitment to artistic excellence and community enrichment,” said Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen, who serves on the board ex officio. “We are grateful to Heidi for her strategic insights, unwavering dedication and passion, and we look forward to her continued leadership in this new capacity. We also warmly welcome Mary, Bob, Dennis and Douglas, who will undoubtedly bring great contributions to our multidisciplinary mission in Southwest Florida.”

“I am honored to serve Artis—Naples and its multidisciplinary mission in this new role,” Miller said. “I look forward to continuing to work with our dedicated board of directors and leadership team to further elevate the cultural landscape of Southwest Florida.”

The Artis—Naples Board of Directors is comprised of 37 dedicated philanthropists and esteemed community leaders who oversee the organization's governance and fiduciary responsibilities.

HEIDI MILLER, CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Heidi Miller, Ph.D., retired as president of international for JP Morgan Chase & Company in 2012. Prior to that appointment, she served as CEO of JPMorgan Chase's treasury and security services, leading 35,000 people in 50 countries. Miller also served as executive vice president and chief financial officer for Bank One Corporation. She has held other CFO positions, including at the Travelers Group and later at Citigroup.

Miller currently serves as a board member and governance committee chair for FISERV Inc. and serves on the board of directors at Waystar, a private company in the healthcare space. Prior public company boards that Miller served on include Merck, HSBC, Progressive Insurance

and General Mills. She is a financial advisor to EQT, a global private investment company, and serves portfolio companies there. Nonprofit service includes 10 years on the board of Conservation International, a global NGO, and 15 years on the Princeton University board and endowment board—including tenures as the finance chair for both organizations. She also served on the boards of NYU Medical Center and the Children's Defense Fund.

Miller was featured in *American Banker's* Most Powerful Women, ranking from 2003 to 2010, and was No. 1 on the banking list from 2007 to 2009. In 2008, she topped *Crain's* list of the 50 Most Powerful Women in New York. Miller graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in history and completed her doctorate in Latin American history at Yale University in 1979. She lives in Naples, Florida, and Greenwich, Connecticut.

MARY KOWARICK

With over 30 years of combined experience in foreign exchange, capital markets, private banking and family office advisory, Mary Kowarick joined J.P. Morgan Private Bank Naples in November 2018 as managing director. She was most recently chief financial officer of MBF Healthcare Partners, a single-family office and private equity fund based in Coral Gables, Florida.

Prior to her work for MBF, Kowarick was the senior managing director of Mannheim LLC, a New York-based private international investment company and family office. Kowarick's entry into the family office arena was serving as an advisor and acting executor of a significant estate with a New York-based Latin American family office. She worked for Citi Private Bank as managing director, New York Investment Center Sales head/private banker, Latin America Capital Markets head and New York Private Bank head of foreign exchange sales/trading. In addition to these roles, she served as a member of the CPB Latin America leadership team, New York Investment Center advisory team and head of the Latin America Capital Markets Product Approval Committee.

Kowarick serves on the executive board of Investors Associated LLP, a real estate partnership, the Marquette University College of Business Administration advisory council and the finance committee for The League Club of Naples. She is a graduate of Marquette University.

ROBERT KRUPKA

Bob Krupka practiced intellectual property law for 40 years with Kirkland & Ellis, retiring in 2012 as a senior partner and co-head of its intellectual property group. He thereafter worked as a consultant, aiding clients in resolving complex legal issues. Krupka specialized in crafting and implementing creative solutions as a trial lawyer, mediator, mentor and leader in international, national and local bar associations and training programs, including service on the board of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

An active volunteer, Krupka has served on the board of the Center for the Art of Performance of UCLA in Los Angeles and chair of the board of trustees of Francis Parker School in Chicago. He continues to serve on the board of Imagine Solutions in Naples and as president of his condominium association.

Krupka earned his Bachelor of Science in physics from Georgetown University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School. Krupka resides year-round in Naples, Florida.

DENNIS LING

Dennis Ling retired in 2010 as senior vice president, CFO of Conair Corporation in Stamford, Connecticut. Prior to that position, Ling worked for 22 years for Avon Products Inc. in New York, rising to senior vice president, finance. He also worked at the Ford Motor Company, Pepsico Inc. and Saks Inc. Much of his career centered on international finance, corporate finance, financial risk management and tax and investment management.

Ling also served as chairman of the National Association of Corporate Treasurers and its board for many years, and as chairman of the Committee on Corporate Finance, Finance Executives International and president of the New York Treasurers Group. He chaired investment committees for pension and retirement assets at Conair, Avon and Saks.

Involved in various nonprofit organizations, Ling served on the board of directors of the Naples Shelter for Abused Women and Children for six years, including two years as chairman. He has

served on the Artis—Naples orchestra committee and the audit and risk committee. Ling now resides in Naples, Florida, where he also serves on the Royal Poinciana Golf Club's finance and audit committee.

Ling studied engineering at Cornell University and received an MBA in finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

DOUGLAS M. VANOORT

Douglas M. VanOort is the former chairman and chief executive officer of NeoGenomics Inc., having served in that role for 12 years prior to his retirement as CEO in early 2021. From 2018 to 2021, VanOort also served as the chair of the American Clinical Laboratory Association, the national clinical laboratory industry's trade association, which provides communication with Congress, regulatory bodies and other healthcare organizations.

Prior to his role at NeoGenomics, VanOort was a general partner with a private equity firm and a founding managing partner of a venture capital firm. He is currently the co-owner of a privately held chain of retail hardware stores with locations throughout Florida.

He previously served in various executive positions at Corning Incorporated and its spin-off company, Quest Diagnostics, Inc. He was senior vice president of operations for Quest Diagnostics and executive vice president of Corning Life Sciences Inc., where he held multiple executive positions.

VanOort currently serves on the board of directors of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation. He is chair of the finance committee and is a member of the executive committee. He is a graduate of Bentley University and resides in Naples, Florida.

- - -

ARTIS—NAPLES

Home of The Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, Artis—Naples is unique among cultural institutions nationwide, equally dedicated to both the visual and performing arts featuring artists of global distinction.

KIMBERLY K. QUERREY and LOUIS A. SIMPSON CULTURAL CAMPUS

Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and, beginning in the 2024-25 season, Sharon and Timothy Ubben Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 paid and free events annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus. Artis—Naples welcomes thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around the Southwest Florida region. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors and recently announced the appointment of Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, who immediately assumes the role of Artistic and Music Director Designate through the 2023-24 season. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2023-24 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry. Podium leadership includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 14 years in this role in the 2023-24 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music in its many forms. Radu Paponiu serves as associate conductor of the Naples Philharmonic and director of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and Alvin Ho serves as assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 4,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum's collections reflect the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world's leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including recently the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the opening of an 18,000-square-foot expansion of The Baker Museum, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages in Collier and counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public Schools interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on its cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides engaging lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival's continued excellence and growth. The 2023-24 season marks its 15th anniversary in the community.

#