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TEXAS CENTER FOR ARTS + ACADEMICS ANNOUNCES 2015-17 BOARD OFFICERS, THREE NEW DIRECTORS

Governing board expanding for Center that includes two popular North Texas charter schools FWAFA and TeSA as well as Texas Boys Choir, Texas Dance Conservatory

FORT WORTH, Texas –September 22, 2015 – Clint Riley, executive director of the [Texas Center for Arts + Academics \(TXCAA\)](#), has announced the recent election of four officers to lead its [board of directors](#) for the next two years and the addition of three new directors to the board.

Directors elected as officers are Ann E. Dunkin, secretary; Melissa Goodroe, president-elect; Bill Lamkin, board chair; and Michael W. Wellbaum, president. Joining the board this year are Kathryn M. (Katie) Copeland, an attorney with the law firm Naman Howell Smith & Lee in Fort Worth and court-appointed mediator for Tarrant County Justice Court 1; Elizabeth (Beth) Lamb, chief marketing officer for the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth and former communications manager at All Saints' Episcopal School; and Linda Metcalf, senior vice-president and senior trust administrator in the cultural district office of PlainsCapital Bank.

Fellow directors continuing service are Edward Brown, Anne Cox, Sylvia Dodson, Willa Gill Dunleavy, Matthew D. Geske, Dr. Steven E. Johnson, Dr. Judith M. Kelly, and Kristy Mouser. The new officers, with two-year terms, and directors, who serve three years, were installed September 1, 2015.

“These new directors, the officers and our entire board exemplify both generosity of spirit and a selfless commitment to our institutions,” said Mr. Riley. “Under their thoughtful guidance, we will continue our nearly 70-year tradition of providing the DFW arts community with its future leaders. We’re grateful for their service and dedication to arts education for our youth.”

Students receive rigorous academic and unparalleled artistic instruction at Texas Center for Arts + Academics. In addition to being the home of the world-renowned Texas Boys Choir, the Texas Center for Arts + Academics also encompasses [Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts](#) (FWAFA) and [Texas School of the Arts](#) (TeSA), both public charter schools, and the newly formed Texas Dance Conservatory. Texas Dance Conservatory offers dance classes and performance opportunities to youngsters from the community as well as for FWAFA and TeSA enrollees. Students apply or audition to enroll in the schools and programs. For more, visit [ArtsAcademics.org](#).

About Texas Center for Arts + Academics

As the only organization of its kind in North Texas, the Texas Center for Arts + Academics is squarely focused on youth development through an arts-based academic worldview. Through its combination of two conservatories, including [Texas Boys Choir](#) and [Texas Dance Conservatory](#), and two academic institutions, Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) and Texas School of the Arts (TeSA), Texas Center for Arts + Academics provides an arts-based curriculum that celebrates a child’s unique talents while simultaneously ensuring an arts-rich future.

Formerly Texas Boys Choir Inc., Texas Center for Arts + Academics changed its name in June of 2015 to more accurately reflect the role it serves in the North Texas Area. The Center exists to support a self-sustaining arts community through an arts-based academic education in its schools and high-quality artistic training in its conservatories. The schools and conservatory programs are based on two campuses in southwest Fort Worth. They are on the web at [ArtsAcademics.org](#).

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