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COCA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

(ST. LOUIS, MO) – COCA-Center of Creative Arts announced the appointment of five new members to its Board of Directors. Interviews and full biographies available upon request.

Bart Holtzman

Bart Holtzman is President/CEO of Holtzman Enterprises, Inc, an owner/operator of Great Clips hair salon franchises. They have been in business since 1985, and currently have 45 stores in Missouri and Colorado. Bart has also served on the board of directors of Colorado UpLift, a Denver based mentoring program for at-risk kids. He was also a member of the Colorado Chapter of the Young President's Organization (YPO) a global network of young chief executives. Bart, and his wife, Patti, have three daughters. They lived in Colorado for 15 years and currently reside in St. Louis.

Dana Redwing

Dana Redwing (Tucker), Partner at Fox Galvin, has managed/defended large volumes of commercial litigation, product liability, and employment claims from initial client and fact witness interviews to assessment of defensibility of cases. Dana has successfully represented individuals, governmental entities, and major corporations in trials, mediations, alternative dispute resolutions, and settlement negotiations.

Patti Thorp

Patti Thorp is a recent transplant to the St. Louis area. Prior to her arrival, she lived in Chapel Hill, NC where she was active with several arts organizations and all activities of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where her husband was chancellor. Since arriving in St. Louis in 2013, at which time her husband, Holden, assumed the position of Provost at Washington University, she has been able to say no to all offers with the exception of The St Louis Public Library, because no one says no to Maxine Clark, and now to COCA, because no one says no to Pam and Kelly four times. Patti's background is in theatre having earned a BFA in Theatre Arts and a MFA in Theatre Management and taught Theatre Management while at Carolina.

Todd Weaver

As President and founder of TW Constructors, Todd Weaver brings his passion and creativity to every job. His drive and tenacity helps him close the deals, but it is his unerring dedication to exceeding the expectations of clients that is helping Todd, and TW Constructors, make a lasting impression in the business. Todd also serves as the president of Fire Solutions, Inc.; Mechanical Solutions, Inc.; and Legacy Building Group, LLC. In addition to a long list of projects to his credit, he serves on the Board of Directors for CID, Giant Step and the AGC. Todd is a past recipient of the St. Louis Business Journal's 40 under 40 award. Todd, and his wife Sara, have 3 sons and reside in University City.

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About COCA

Founded in 1986, COCA is the fourth largest multidisciplinary community arts center in the country and a national leader in innovative arts education. With a mission to enrich lives and build community through the arts, COCA serves 50,000 people of all ages and skill levels, from enthusiastic amateurs to emerging professionals — all taught by a faculty of distinguished arts educators. We provide meaningful arts experiences in our own studios, gallery and theatres as well as in schools, community centers and corporate settings in order to build a vibrant St. Louis that is creative, connected and inclusive. To ensure diversity and inclusion in all of our programs we are committed to eliminating economic and social barriers to participation in the arts.