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WEXNER CENTER FOUNDATION ELECTS THREE NEW TRUSTEES

The Wexner Center Foundation announced today the election of three new board members: Marshall Rose, chairman of the board of The Georgetown Group, a real estate development company in New York; Jo Ann Davidson, former speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; and Karen Bell, interim dean of The Ohio State University's College of the Arts, who will serve ex-officio on the Wexner Center board.

"Our new trustees are highly respected for their accomplishments in the civic and cultural arena," says Foundation board chair Leslie H. Wexner. "All share a lifelong passion for the arts, and each will bring invaluable counsel and expertise to the center's governing board."

- **Marshall Rose** has pursued a dual career in business and public service in New York, as chairman of the board of The Georgetown Group—a privately held real estate development and financial services company—and as a driving force in many New York City not-for-profit organizations. The Georgetown Group, founded by Rose in 1975, has participated in the development of two projects in Columbus: Easton, a joint venture with The Limited Inc.; and the New Albany community, a joint project with Leslie Wexner and the New Albany Company.

Rose is a vice chairman at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and recently served as chairman of Lincoln Center Constituent Development Project, Inc., which is managing Lincoln Center's campus-wide redevelopment. Rose is also chairman emeritus of the New York Public Library; during his 19-year involvement with the library he has overseen efforts to revitalize the majority of the library's 85 branches. As a member of the executive committee at the Bryant Park Restoration Corporation, he oversaw the redevelopment of New York's Bryant Park, which transformed wasted parkland into a midtown oasis. He is also chairman emeritus of the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, and a trustee of the Robert Steel Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research.

A lifelong New Yorker, Rose is married to Candice Bergen.

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- **Jo Ann Davidson** has a distinguished record of public service spanning more than three decades. A member of the Ohio Legislature for 20 years, Davidson served as speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives from January 1995 through December 2000. Her leadership as speaker guided many important legislative initiatives through the Ohio General Assembly, including welfare reform, electric deregulation, and criminal justice reform. Prior to 1994, she worked as vice president of special programs for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Davidson recently formed her own consulting firm, JAD and Associates, which offers consulting services in public policy development and analysis, strategic planning, and political campaigns.

Davidson holds honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Ohio University and Capital University, an honorary degree in government leadership from the University of Findlay, and an honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree from Ohio State. She serves on the boards of The Ohio State University, the University of Findlay, and Franklin University.

- **Karen Bell**, chair of The Ohio State University's top-ranked Department of Dance for the past five years, is currently serving as interim dean of Ohio State's College of the Arts, responsible for managing the university's visual and performing arts departments and a \$25 million budget. Bell started teaching at Ohio State in 1980, serving as associate professor of dance since 1987 and as chair of the dance department since 1996. She has also served on the American College Dance Festival Association board for 12 years, and was the Northeast Regional Representative to the association for five. A choreographer and dancer, Bell has performed as a freelance dancer in New York City and has been awarded an Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship. She is currently working on a dance work exploring aging.

Prior to joining Ohio State, Bell served as a visiting professor at Cornell University, and as an instructor at Wells College, Cornell, Elmira College, and S.U.N.Y. Potsdam. She received an MFA in dance at Sarah Lawrence College. Bell will be serving ex-officio on the board.

THE WEXNER CENTER FOUNDATION

The Wexner Center Foundation is a private, nonprofit partner of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees established for the overall purpose of advancing the interests of the Wexner Center for the Arts. Its major role is to provide long-term financial assistance in support of Wexner Center programming.

Members of the Wexner Center Foundation Board of Trustees are: Leslie H. Wexner, chairman; William E. Kirwan, vice chair; C. Robert Kidder, president; John C. Elam; Sherri Geldin, director of the Wexner Center; Ann Getty; Agnes Gund; Charlotte P. Kessler; John Kobacker; Ronald A. Pizzuti; Joyce Shenk; Alex Shumate; A. Alfred Taubman; Barbara Trueman; Ric Wanetik; Abigail S. Wexner; Frank Wobst; and John F. Wolfe. Ex-officio trustees are Ed Ray, provost of the Ohio State University; Karen Bell, interim dean of the College of the Arts at Ohio State; Bruce Soll, treasurer; and Richard H. Oman, secretary.

The Wexner Center for the Arts is The Ohio State University's multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art. Through exhibitions, screenings, performances, artist residencies, and educational programs, the Wexner Center acts as a forum where established and emerging artists can test ideas and where diverse audiences can participate in cultural experiences that enhance understanding of the art of our time. In its programs, the Wexner Center balances a commitment to experimentation with a commitment to traditions of innovation and affirms the university's mission of education, research, and community service.

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