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THE GAMM HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING & RIBBON CUTTING

WARWICK, RI (October 25, 2022) – **The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** (The Gamm) held its annual meeting on Monday, October 24, honoring three outgoing board members and announcing several changes to the executive committee, as well as unveiling a new outdoor courtyard.

The evening's festivities began with a ribbon cutting for the courtyard – the most visible among a slate of ongoing building enhancements. Now in its 38th season and its fifth year at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick, The Gamm has been undergoing facility renovations to improve the function and elevate the purpose of its performance and programming spaces. With partial funding from a **Rhode Island State Cultural Facilities Grant** administered by the **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA)** and matching funds from **patrons**, these projects are already improving production systems and education spaces, and enhancing the overall theater experience. The latter includes the creation of a beautiful courtyard at the theater's entrance designed by **Elena Pascarella of Landscape Elements** and installed by **4 Site Lawn and Landscaping**, both of Warwick. The Gamm is also grateful to the **City of Warwick** for a donation of four large planters.

"These renovation projects will help our facility better reflect the high quality of The Gamm's artistic programming, as well as the scope and innovation of our education programs," said **Managing Director Amy Gravell**. "We are very grateful to both **RISCA** and our **generous, loyal patrons** for supporting projects that will promote inclusivity and help us become the vibrant community center and regional arts destination that we envisioned when we moved to the center of the state."

Board President Daniel Marwil honored individuals who have recently completed their service on the board. They include:

- **Barbara Horovitz Brown of East Greenwich, R.I.**, a retired social worker, following eight years of service including work on the capital campaign, finance, and fund development committees. Brown has been a stellar ambassador and tireless volunteer throughout her tenure.
- **W. Lynn McKinney of Narragansett, R.I.**, retired dean of the College of Human Science and Services and professor emeritus of education at the University of Rhode Island, who served for more than a decade on the board. McKinney was also president from 2017 to 2020 and vice president from 2020 to 2022. His tenure included seeing The Gamm through its move to our new Warwick home.
- **M. Beverly Swan of Wakefield, R.I.**, retired provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Rhode Island, following four years of service including a position on the board's executive committee, as well as serving on the finance committee. Swan will remain as Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Marwil thanked **Board Treasurer Frederick Reinhardt, president and chief executive officer of Greenwood Credit Union**, who completed his service on the executive committee and remains on the board of directors. He also welcomed two members of the board of directors to officer positions: **Miriam Weizenbaum, chief of the Civil Division for the State Attorney General's Office**, as vice president and **David Kellogg, president of Kellogg Associates**, as treasurer. All three are residents of Providence, R.I.

Tony Estrella, who is celebrating his **20th season as The Gamm's artistic director**, thanked the cross section of trustees and volunteers who ensure Rhode Island's not-for-profit sector's vitality, saying, "You are safeguarding a proud, vital tradition and without you our stages would go dark, concert halls be eerily quiet, after-school programs be shuttered, and the soul of the community be extinguished. You demand that we value what is often deemed useless, elitist, a luxury and non-essential," Estrella said. "Your tireless efforts and incredible generosity free us to compete on that uneven playing field, to prove our absolute essential-ness and necessity."

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984, the non-profit Gamm Theatre is proud to tell stories that entertain, provoke, and engage seriously with the most important issues of our time. The Gamm further serves the public with educational programming that enriches the cultural and civic life of our community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella and Managing Director Amy Gravell, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors' Equity Association.