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San Diego Theatres Welcomes New Board Members, Elects Leadership for the Year Ahead

New appointments bring business expertise and community leadership to guide the organization.

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Theatres is pleased to announce the appointment of seven distinguished professionals to its Board of Directors, bringing a wealth of expertise in business, law, construction, philanthropy, and government affairs. Their leadership and deep-rooted ties to the San Diego community will help strengthen San Diego Theatres' role as a premier arts and culture organization, managing and operating the San Diego Civic Theatre and Balboa Theatre in downtown San Diego.

Joining the board are:

- **Alexis Gutierrez** – A leading legal expert and Chair of Higgs Fletcher & Mack's Litigation Department, Gutierrez brings extensive experience in employment law and complex commercial litigation.
- **Lulu Hsu** – A seasoned operations executive with a background at Solar Turbines Inc., Hsu has dedicated her post-retirement years to supporting local nonprofits and the performing arts.
- **Emily Hassig, CFRE** – A San Diego native and Chief Advancement Officer at The Bishop's School, Hassig has led major fundraising initiatives for Scripps Health and Promises2Kids, focusing on philanthropy and strategic planning.
- **Pico Mina** – A veteran in real estate and development, Mina has managed large-scale construction projects, including over 100 developments with BioMed Realty Trust, Inc. in the life sciences sector.
- **Daniel Magy** – A San Diego entrepreneur, Magy has led multiple technology startups, founded Citadel Defense, and is currently CEO of Firestorm Labs, bringing expertise in real estate development and operations management.
- **Dr. María Nieto Senour** – A widely respected community leader, Senour served as President of the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees and has been instrumental in equity-focused educational and civic initiatives.
- **Barbara Stanley** – A retired Vice President at Solar Turbines, Stanley has spent decades leading strategic growth initiatives, manufacturing innovations, and supporting clean energy projects.

At the same meeting, San Diego Theatres elected a new slate of officers who will lead the organization for the next year:



- **Joseph Martinez, Chair**
- **Catherine (Cat) Hastings, Vice Chair**
- **Jason Clement, Secretary**
- **Maria Nieto Senour, Treasurer**

“As we celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the Civic Theatre**, this new group of board members brings an incredible depth of business acumen, industry expertise, and a shared commitment to the arts,” said **Joseph Martinez, Board Chair of San Diego Theatres**. “Their leadership will ensure our continued success in delivering exceptional live performances and cultural experiences to our diverse San Diego community.”

For more information about San Diego Theatres and its upcoming programming, visit www.sandiegotheatres.org.

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*San Diego Theatres manages, markets, and operates two of the region’s most cherished performance venues. The **Civic Theatre**, home to **Broadway San Diego** and **San Diego Opera**, has been a cultural landmark since its opening in 1965. The historic **Balboa Theatre** serves as a hub for diverse performances, including those by the **San Diego Gay Men’s Chorus**, **Classics 4 Kids**, and renowned acts spanning dance, music, comedy, and literary arts.*