

April 2019

To: All Voting Members of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center will be held on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.** in the Hall of Springs, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, New York. Following the meeting, please join the SPAC administration and Board of Directors for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres in the Jazz Bar.

The purpose of this meeting, in accordance with Article 1, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Corporation is to elect Directors, review the current position of the Center and transact all other business which may come before the meeting. The Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has proposed the following slate of Directors:

Slate of Directors for re-election to the Board for a term of three years:

Sonny Bonacio  
Susan Law Dake  
Richard Higgins  
Geraldine Golub  
Donald J. McCormack  
Linda Toohey

Proposed for the Board as new Directors for a term of three years:

Andrea Spungen  
Charlene Wood

Information on the proposed new Directors is available on the reverse side of this letter. This information may also be obtained at SPAC's administrative offices in the Hall of Springs or at: <https://spac.org/about/the-board/>. For planning purposes, we would appreciate your return of the Attendance and Proxy form by **Monday, May 13, 2019**.

Thank you for your membership support as we continue to present the very best classical programming to our surrounding community and beyond.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Sobol  
President and CEO

## SPAC BOARD NOMINEES

ANDREA SPUNGEN was classically trained in the Checchetti Method of Ballet at the Evanston School of Ballet in Evanston, IL. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mills College in Oakland, CA, and her Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from New York University. Andrea's professional years were spent as a mental health counselor. She has been passionate about classical arts, since she was a child, having regularly attended ballet and orchestra performances. She moved to Upstate New York in 1997. Andrea has been a SPAC Patron for over 15 years and has served on the SPAC Action Council for more than six years. She is the current Co-Chair of the Ballet Gala, having served as Co-Chair previously. Andrea splits her time between Saratoga Springs and Pebble Beach, CA.

CHARLENE WOOD was born and raised in the Lake George area. She graduated from Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Skidmore College. Charlene's professional career has included positions in sales, management and retail. She owns local real estate brokerage, Town & Country Properties and co-owns Silverwood Home & Galleries with her daughter in Saratoga Springs. Charlene is currently Chair of the Board of the Charles R. Wood Foundation, sits on the HH Ranch Board, the Lake George Real Estate Co. and Saratoga Hospital Flower & Fruit Mission. She has also previously served on the SPAC Action Council, the Lake George Land Conservatory Board, the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation Board, and the Lake George Club. She co-chaired the Hyde Museum 2017 Capital Campaign.

**The Governance Committee of the Board of Directors is also seeking approval to ratify the election of the following Board Members who were elected by the Board in the Summer of 2018 to fill vacancies created by departing Board Members. The Board is seeking ratification of the election for a remaining term of two years:**

**C. J. DeCrescente**  
**Jayne Keyes**  
**Bill McEllen**

**C. J. DeCrescente** is President/CEO of DeCrescente Distributing (DDC), a family owned and operated Beverage wholesaler. Prior to being named president in 1997, C.J. worked various positions within the company since 1979. Under his leadership in expansion, acquisition and best practices, the company has been honored as one of the Capital Region's Best Places to Work by The Albany Business Review consecutively

since 2010. C.J. currently serves as Chairman for the NYS Police Signal 30 Organization and is an active board member for CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services, NENY Alzheimer's Association, The David Ortiz Children's Foundation, Saratoga Performing Arts Center & the Leadership Saratoga Advisory Board.

**Jayne Keyes** has been a Council Member of the New York State Council of the Arts since 2015. Throughout her professional and personal life, she has been devoted to the arts. She is an original jewelry designer, and has also been an independent film producer, motion picture agent, and Commissioner of both the N.Y. S. Governor's Office for Motion Picture & TV Development and the N.Y.C. Mayor's Office of Film Theatre & Broadcasting. She has served on the Board of Directors of the National Dance Institute and as Co-Chair of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Film Festival.

**Bill McEllen** is the leader of Fingerpaint's Saratoga Springs office, managing and coordinating teams across all disciplines, from creative to interactive to editorial to account management. Since he joined Fingerpaint as a Partner in 2016, he has helped more than double the agency's growth. He has 25 years of marketing and leadership experience working to build and execute successful campaigns for some of the largest brands in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. Before joining Fingerpaint, Bill spent 13 years with McCann Health, one of the largest global agencies in the industry