

Brendan Lynch Elected Chair of United Arts of Central Florida Board of Directors

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ORLANDO, FL – Lowndes is pleased to announce that Shareholder Brendan Lynch, a longtime advocate for the arts in Central Florida, has been elected chairman of the United Arts of Central Florida Board of Directors. Lynch has served for multiple years in a variety of capacities for United Arts, including as vice chair of both the Development and Standards & Allocations Committees. He has also chaired the Large, Medium, and Small Budget Grant Panels over the last three years. This new leadership role will go into effect July 1, 2019, and will be for a term of two years.

At the firm, Lynch represents both commercial and residential property land owners, as well as tenant business owners, in issues of eminent domain/condemnation and property tax appeals. A long-time community volunteer, Lynch he has served in leadership roles for the Adult Literacy League, the Orange County Teen Court, and Heart of Florida United Way. Lynch has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a law degree from the George Mason University School of Law.

Other moves on the United Arts Board include:

- Current Treasurer Daniel J. O'Keefe, shareholder at MSL CPAs & Advisors, will move into the position of United Arts Vice Chair and Chair Elect.
- Current Chair of the United Arts Audit & Finance Committee Wilson Lopez, managing director at RiskPoint Consulting Group, will move into the position of Treasurer.
- Current United Arts Board Chair Kate Wilson, senior vice president, community affairs manager at Wells Fargo, will serve as Immediate Past Chair.

"The Board leadership at United Arts has historically provided wisdom and guidance to United Arts while acting as advocates for arts and culture," said Flora Maria Garcia, president and CEO of United Arts. "With Brendan Lynch as Board Chair, Daniel J. O'Keefe as Vice Chair, and Wilson Lopez as Treasurer, I am certain that United Arts will flourish. We are proud of our past leadership's accomplishments and look forward to the exciting potential of our incoming leaders."

Lowndes has a long track record of serving in the art community in Central Florida. Shareholder Hal Kantor served as former chairman of United Arts.

About United Arts of Central Florida:

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists. Its mission is to enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history. United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 60 local arts, science and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services. Since 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$150 million in Central Florida's arts and culture.