Stellar Committee Leads Valley Performing Arts Center Campaign

Expertise and Commitment of Top Business, Cultural Leaders Get Campaign Off to ‘Great Start’

Some of Los Angeles’ most prominent business and cultural leaders have agreed to spearhead Cal State Northridge’s campaign to build the Valley Performing Arts Center. The proposed 1,600-seat venue will be the largest of its kind in the area and will serve as a cultural hub for the region.

The newly formed Valley Performing Arts Center Executive Committee will have biotech pioneer Al Mann, chairman/CEO of Mannkind, as its chair and Latham & Watkins counsel David Fleming as its vice chair. Other members include actor/producer Richard “Cheech” Marin, J.D. Power and Associates Chairman J.D. Power III, retired California Community Foundation President/CEO Jack Shacklely, and Alex Yemenidjian, chairman/CEO of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.

“The members of the Valley Performing Arts Center Executive Committee are some of the most prominent and accomplished individuals in the region. They are dedicated to helping Cal State Northridge bring a new level of culture to the San Fernando Valley,” said Cal State Northridge President Jolene Koester. “The unique assistance they can provide and their commitment to bringing this project to fruition are a great start for this campaign.”

The executive committee represents the area’s leaders in business, arts and entertainment, law, philanthropy, and public service. The committee met for the first time in March to discuss strategies for funding the $100 million project. (The entire Executive Committee is listed on page 4.)

Northridge Hosts First Post-Primary Los Angeles Mayoral Debate

Mayor Hahn, City Councilman Villaraigosa Contest Airs Live on KNBC, KWHY

Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn and City Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa squared off at Cal State Northridge for the first debate of the lively post-primary mayoral campaign season.

Televised live on KNBC Channel 4 and KWHY Channel 22, the candidates aired their views on March 28 before a live audience of more than 200 in the University Student Union’s Grand Salon. Covered by most major media in the Southern California area, the debate was streamed to the Internet via the www.NBC4.tv Web site. It also was carried on KFWB-AM 980, 89.3 KPCC FM and KPFK 90.7 FM.

One of a series of planned debates leading up to the May 17 mayoral contest, the CSUN event was made possible through the efforts of CSUN’s Political Science Department and its chair, Mehran Kamrava, as well as College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean Stella Theodoulou and her college. Co-sponsors were KNBC and the Telemundo television network.

“Cal State Northridge plays a vital role in the community and in the greater Los Angeles area,” said Kamrava. “Bringing this debate to the campus is consistent with the mission of the university and is an essential component of the first-rate educational experience we offer to our students and to the CSUN community at large.”

CSUN Daily Sundial editor Salvador Hernandez joined a panel of journalists that included Los Angeles Daily News columnist Mariel Garza, and Telemundo reporter/weekend anchor Raymond Mesa. Moderator for the debate was KNBC news anchor Paul Moyer.

Cal State Northridge also hosted a 2001 match-up between the two mayoral candidates. In that contest, former Assembly Speaker Villaraigosa and then City Attorney Hahn debated in the Matadome before CSUN students, faculty and staff.

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Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event is May 13

The Cal State Northridge 39th Annual Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event will be held from 8:30–11:00 a.m. Friday, May 13, in the San Fernando Valley Hall (11210 Valley Center), University Student Union, to recognize staff employees’ dedicated service to the university. The awards are given in five-year service increments. Please review the following list of recipients. If you believe your years of service should be recognized and your name does not appear on the list or is not correctly listed, please contact Cathy Salazar at cathy.salazar@csun.edu or Kim McNeal at kim.mcneal@csun.edu, Office of Human Resources, no later than Monday, April 11.

5-Year Recipients
Edmond Andriassian, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Santos Andrade, The University Corporation
Susan Andrus, University Advancement
Sharon Aronof, Klotz Student Health Center
Corey Astrid, University Student Union
Joan Atwater, Department of Philosophy
Shel'Andrea Augustus, Admissions and Records
Jeseca Awang, University Student Union
Barbara Barry, University Corporation
Catherine Thompson
Griselda Corona, Liberal Studies Program
Susan Cohen, Financial Aid and Scholarships
Susana Carrillo, Klotz Student Health Center
Gregory Buesing, Information Technology
David Bottinelli, Liberal Studies Program
Elizabeth Barrett, University Corporation
Jessica Awang, Student Union
Barbara Barry, Office of Human Resources

10-Year Recipients
Nelson Aguirre, Physical Plant Management
Cheryl Atienza, Michael D. Eisner College of Education
Oscar Babers, Jr., Physical Plant Management
Ronald Band, The University Corporation
Timothy Boyle, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Lidia Carrillo, Career Center
Wanda Casas, Information Technology Resources
James Dacosta, Information Technology Resources
Robert Danes, Undergraduate Studies
Wanda Casas, Information Technology Resources
Suparnom Del Castillo, University Cash Services
Colleen Frenck, Student Development and International Programs
Eugene Garcia, Systems and Technology
Kevin Glass, Information Technology Resources
Tammy Glenn, University Advancement
Paul Haberkorn, Physical Plant Management
Emesto Hidalgo, Admissions and Records
Javier Hidalgo, Institutional Research and Planning
Panterich Hosch, Department of Biology
Steve Jordan, Physical Plant Management
Brenda Kanno, Department of Biology
Kelly Kooker, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
William Lee, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Astrid Logan, Public Safety
Ruben Lopez, Physical Plant Management
Joyce Mikut, Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning
Anthony Nguyen, Michael D. Eisner College of Education
Ronald Norton, Environmental Health and Safety
Arline Rhine, Associated Students Inc.
Joyce Scarrin, Intercollegiate Athletics
Bruce Shapiro, University Counseling Services
Jane Sindayen, College of Health and Human Development
Paul Slater, Physical Plant Management
Olivia Solis, Residential Life and University Conference Services
Richard Spengel, College of Science and Mathematics
Patricia Tabidran, College of Health and Human Development
Florence Thompson, Student Services Center
Pam Vazquez, Public Safety
Jeffrey Weston, Physical Plant Management

20-Year Recipients
Barbara Ball, Physical Plant Management
Michale Brezale, Physical Plant Management
Colleen Gilbert, Oviatt Library
Michelle Harrington, Office of Information Technology
Gail Hartung, Department of Kinesiology
Tamara Kothar, Financial and Accounting Services
Christopher Mahony, Information Technology Resources
Robert Marshall, Oviatt Library
Gigi McGuire, Student Outreach and Recruitment Services
Barry Mendes, Physical Plant Management
Christina Mercado, Physical Plant Management
Barbara Miyagawa, Department of Sociology
Kevin O'Leary, Financial Aid and Scholarships
Kristen Philer, University Student Union
Thomas Pierrak, Student Development and International Programs
Jan Reid, Admissions and Records
Christopher Sales, Information Technology Resources
Sue Scott, Department of Geography
John Siebenfeld, Physical Plant Management
Cynthia Teare, Admissions and Records
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Heidi Wollbauer, College of Business and Economics
Christopher Xanthos, Systems and Technology
Susan Young, Department of Kinesiology
For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the April 18 issue is Monday, April 11. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-9909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17
Recycling Events
The University Recycling Program, with the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation, will hold an electronics, computer and household hazardous waste recycling event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in parking lot F10 as part of the annual Recycling Week. fmi–Cyndi Signett, x2477 or www.library.csun.edu/(bmv-euwe-northridge).html.

Saturday, April 23
Philosophy of Biology Conference
The Philosophy and Biology Departments and the Minority Access to Research Careers Program will co-sponsor the 2005 Philosophy of Biology conference, set for 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Oviatt Library Presentation Room. Provost Harry Hellenbrand will make opening remarks. Registration fee, but space is limited. Lunch is provided but registered by Wed., April 13, at http://csun.library.edu under the subject heading “Attending Lunch.” fmi–www.csun.edu/~philo33/PoB-Conf/2005.html.

Public Meetings
Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m.
Wed., April 6 and 13
University Hall 211

Educational Resources Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m.
Tue., April 12
University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m.
Wed., April 13 and 27
University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–4:30 p.m.
Thu., April 14
University Hall 277

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m.
Mon., April 25
USU Grand Salon

Drug-Free Campus Brochure
The updated Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy Brochure is available on the Human Resources Web site, www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/drg-free_campus.htm. In addition to information on work-related problems and health risks, the brochure lists available resources. fmi–x2201, or x7298 (TTY).

Our Deepest Condolences
The Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences and the campus community offer deep condolences to Chair J. Stephen Sinclair (Communication Disorders and Sciences), on the passing of his father. The Biology Department and the university community also offer deep sympathies to Linda Gharakhani (Biology), on the passing of her father.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Sydney Fairvar (Elementary Education) and Raymond Solis (Student Health Center) are currently out on medical leaves of absence. Having exhausted or nearly exhausted their leave credits, they are requesting catastrophic leave donations on their behalf. Catastrophic leave donation forms may be accessed at www.admn.csun.edu/hrs/forms/benefitsforms.html. To make donations, please mail their donation forms to Renee Venezia, manager, Payroll Administration, mail code 8228.

Finance Department Chair Reappointed
William Jennings (Finance, Real Estate and Insurance) has been reappointed as chair of his department for a three-year term effective August 24.

Summer Term Registration
Registration for The Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning summer term classes begins on Tuesday, April 12. Students may register online, by mail or in person at the registration area in the Matador Bookstore Complex, Rm. 100, where printed class schedules will be available. The summer term consists of five on-campus sessions from Monday, June 6 through Friday, Aug. 19. View the schedule of classes at http://rngale.csun.edu. fmi–x2504

Deadlines
Human Subjects Research Approval
Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next meeting: Tue., April 12. Next deadline: Tue., April 26. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or download from www.csun.edu/research/fmi–x2901.

Drug-Free Campus
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Staff Service and Excellence...

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funding is expected to come from state funds, with the other half from private contributions.

The fundraising campaign for the Valley Performing Arts Center will begin this July. Much of the preparatory work for the campaign already has been completed, including a feasibility study. The goal is to raise about $30 million to finish the project by the end of the decade.

The San Fernando Valley has a number of smaller performing arts venues, including several on the CSUN campus. But the future 1,600-seat Valley Performing Arts Center, as the largest facility of its kind in the Valley, will open the region to the excitement of full-scale Broadway-caliber productions and the rich textures of full symphony orchestra concerts.

Last November, the project received major political support when the Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed a resolution lauding its goals to “educate and enrich the community, to enhance the cultural and economic growth of the Valley, and to better define the area as an attractive cultural destination.” Local business leaders, when surveyed by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal last year, said a local performing arts center would improve the Valley’s image and quality of life, and many said they would financially support such a project.

“Having support from so many business and cultural leaders is a great indicator of the future of the Valley Performing Arts Center,” President Koster said. “The key to the center’s success is a vibrant partnership with community and area arts organizations. It is encouraging that we continue to receive feedback that the time for this project is now, and the place is Cal State Northridge.”

Valley Performing Arts Center Executive Committee members include:

**Sherry Barrat**
Chairman and CEO, Northern Trust Bank of California

**Lod Cook**
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**Al Mann**
Chairman and CEO, Mannkind

**Richard “Cheech” Marin**
Actor, Musician and Artist

**Barry Munitz**
President & CEO, J. Paul Getty Trust (honorary member)

**Julia Heinen**
Clarinet Studio

Young clarinetists perform Brahms, Arnold, Tartini.

Mon., April 4, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

**Guitar Concert**

Oscar Ghiglia, classical guitarist.

Sat., April 9, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

**Media Composition Showcase**

Elizabeth Sellers, director.

Sun., April 17, 7 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

**Music**

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

**“Groundhog Day”**

Directed by Harold Rams.
Wed., April 6, 7 p.m.

**“Inside Daisy Clover”**

Directed by Robert Mulligan.
Part of The Critics Series.
Mon., April 11, 7 p.m.

**“Storytelling”**

Directed by Todd Solondz.

Wed., April 13, 7 p.m.

**“LA Confidential”**

Directed by Curtis Hanson.
Part of The Critics Series.

Guest speaker: film critic Manohla Dargis.
Thu., April 14, 7 p.m.

**“Carousel”**

Rodgers and Hammerstein musical classic.
Co-production of Music and Theatre Departments.

Fri., April 8, 8 p.m.
Sat., April 9, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 10, 3 p.m.
Wed., April 13, 7 p.m.
Thu., April 14, 8 p.m.
Fri., April 15, 8 p.m.
Sat., April 16, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 17, 3 p.m.

Campus Theatre

$10–$19

**Theater Performance**

For more information, call (818) 677-4966 or Julie Ruelas, (818) 383-7128.

**Cal State Northridge Art Galleries**

Runs through Sat., April 9.

In African Art: Sculptures, paintings, photographs, personal arts and textiles reflect the extraordinary range of expression in African art.

For more information, (818) 677-2285.

**African Art in the Life Cycle**

Sculptures, paintings, photographs, personal arts and textiles reflect the extraordinary range of expression in African art.

Runs through Sat., April 9.

Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

**“Fear No Art” Exhibit**

Presenting works by Andre Miripoylee. Artist’s designs grace music album covers, posters, backdrops and floors for productions such as NBC’s The Tonight Show. Exhibit open during Performing Arts Center performances through end of May.

Performing Arts Center lobby

For more info, (818) 677-5768.

**Art and Exhibits**

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156.
Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12–4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

**“Telling Our Stories—Japanese American Experiences from the 1910s to the 1950s in the San Fernando Valley”**

Exhibits rare photos and histories.

**“Orange Blossoms vs. Nurture: How Venus Went Bad”**

Part of The Critics Series.

Directed by Todd Solondz.

Mon., April 11, 7 p.m.

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