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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MUSE/IQUE Leadership News!**

#### **Counter-conventional orchestra salutes founding Board President Tom Leddy and announces LeeAnn Havner as its second President**

**Organization also welcomes two new board members, Ileana Hernandez and Dorinda Marticorena**

**JPL's esteemed Director, Dr. Charles Elachi, joins MUSE/IQUE's Distinguished Board of Advisors**

Nearing its four year anniversary, MUSE/IQUE, the non-profit counter-conventional orchestra led by visionary conductor Rachael Worby, announced the conclusion of the successful tenure of its founding board President, Tom Leddy, and the election of its second President, LeeAnn Havner.

Mr. Leddy joined Ms. Worby, community leaders and generous founding donors in 2011 to create a new music organization aimed at creating smart fun live art events that would be dynamically accessible to a broad range of traditional and unexpected audiences. Four years later, Mr. Leddy and the entire board are proud to celebrate a tremendous record of achievement.

Highlights of the first four years of MUSE/IQUE include: nearly 24,000 have experienced MUSE/IQUE events, 27 Major Live Music events including 11 with Full Orchestra, 6 World Premiere Works, 177 Artistic and Scientific Collaborators, 18 spaces have been transformed into vibrant, pulsing music halls, nearly 100 special MUSE/IQUE classes and performances for foster and at-risk youth, and \$550,000 budget at its founding to a \$1.5M budget with no accumulated deficit.

At the conclusion of Mr. Leddy's tenure, which coincided with the organization's annual meeting on February 26, the board of directors unanimously and enthusiastically elected LeeAnn Havner to become the second President in its young history. Mrs. Havner is an accomplished community leader and volunteer. In addition to having already served for two years on the Board of MUSE/IQUE, she has provided meaningful leadership service throughout the community including on the Boards for Hillside and Casa de las Amigas.

The board also elected two new directors, Ileana Hernandez, a Partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, and Dorinda Marticorena, a Senior Vice-President at Warner Home Entertainment. MUSE/IQUE also selected additional board officers for 2015 including Vice Presidents, Erin Kuhlman and Melinda Snyder; Treasurer, John Olinski; and Secretary, Kate Beyda.

In addition to its regular Board of Directors, MUSE/IQUE is privileged to have an honorary body known as the Distinguished Board of Advisors made up of innovators in their respective fields who each lend their prestige, connectivity, and pioneering spirit to the ongoing mission.

This year, MUSE/IQUE is honored to add JPL Director, Dr. Charles Elachi, to its list of Advisors which includes Mayor Bill Bogaard and Claire Bogaard, Tena Clark, Ambassador John Emerson and Kimberly Marteau Emerson, Lyn and Norman Lear, Wendie Malick, Jessye Norman, Paul Rusnak, Hope Tschopik Schneider and Honorable John Van de Kamp.

Speaking about this transition of volunteer leadership, Rachael Worby commented; "I have worked with Tom Leddy for nearly 20 years. Both before MUSE/IQUE, and in this latest adventure, his partnership and faith in possibilities truly inspired us all. Now I am amazed and thankful to welcome incredible new leadership from LeeAnn Havner, as well as smart and energetic new board members like Ileana and Dorinda. And to also have Dr. Elachi on board as an advisor is truly out of this world. These folks, together with our other board members and donors, represent diversity and willingness to support change and innovation which is at the core of our mission. We are thrilled."

Highlights of key goals for MUSE/IQUE moving forward include commissioning and recruiting a greater number of world-class artists to create new works of music and live performance for MUSE/IQUE, growing the number of music experiences to foster and at-risk youth in our community, strengthening our community engagement and partnerships with businesses and organizations, and increasing artistic scholarship support around Artistic Director Rachael Worby.

The next event in MUSE/IQUE's innovative UNCORKED Series is INFINITE/QUATTRO on Monday, April 13, 2015 at Jacob Maarse Florists.

MUSE/IQUE is a nonprofit (501c3) charitable organization. To learn more about MUSE/IQUE, please visit our website: [www.muse-ique.com](http://www.muse-ique.com).

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