Lee Myers assumes Chair of Festival’s Board of Governors

March 22, 2010... The Stratford Shakespeare Festival welcomes M. Lee Myers to the position of Chair of the Board of Governors and David Goldbloom to the position of Vice Chair. The handover from retiring Chair Richard Rooney took place at the Festival’s Annual General Meeting on March 6.

Dr. Myers is a cardiac surgeon at University Hospital in London and a member of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario. She joined the Board of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in 2002.

Dr. Goldbloom is the Senior Medical Advisor, education and public affairs, at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. He is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and a Senior Fellow at Massey College. He joined the Festival’s Board in 2005.

This year the Festival welcomes four new members to the Board of Governors:

- Prof. David Johnston, President of the University of Waterloo.
- Colleen Moorehead, Entrepreneur in Residence, Signal Hill Equity Partners, Toronto.
- Wendy Pitblado, Secretary of the board of The Writers’ Trust of Canada and a member of the board of the Pitblado Foundation.
- Nargis Tarmohamed, President of a diversified family investment company.

Retiring chair Richard Rooney, President of Burgundy Asset Management, was thanked at the AGM and described as a man of vision, dedication and tremendous generosity.

Returning Board members are: Barry Avrich, Dan Bernstein, Nani Beutel, Rahul Bhardwaj, Jennifer Birmingham, Sylvia Chrominska, Richard Costley-White, Janet Ecker, Jane Freeman, Jim Fugitte, Jonathan Goldbloom, Rudyard Griffiths, Jules Harris, Beth Kronfeld, Ophelia Lazaridis, Gary Levene, Arlene Lewis, Tim
MacDonald, Dan Mathieson, Graham Parsons, Hilary Pearson, Barbara Schubert, Andrew Spriet, Chip Vallis and Diane Walker.

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival’s 2010 season, beginning on April 10, features As You Like It; Kiss Me, Kate; The Tempest; Dangerous Liaisons; Evita; Peter Pan; The Winter’s Tale; Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris; For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again; Do Not Go Gentle; The Two Gentlemen of Verona; and King of Thieves.

Full biographies for the Chair, Vice Chair, retiring Chair and new board members are appended.

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DAVID GOLDBLOOM
Toronto, Ontario. Dr. Goldbloom completed an honours undergraduate degree, majoring in government, at Harvard University and then attended the University of Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, where he obtained an MA in physiological sciences. He trained in medicine and psychiatry at McGill University. In 1995, he became vice president, medical affairs, and chief of staff at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry. In 1998, he was appointed inaugural physician-in-chief of the newly created Centre for Addiction and Mental Health resulting from the merger of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, the Addiction Research Foundation, Queen Street Mental Health Centre and the Donwood Institute. Upon completion of his term in 2003, he was appointed Senior Medical Advisor, education and public affairs, at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Dr. Goldbloom is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto; he is also a Senior Fellow at Massey College. He has received numerous awards for his work as a physician and teacher. He is the author of over 100 scientific articles and book chapters and has provided numerous talks and lectures to student, professional and public audiences. Dr. Goldbloom previously served on the boards of directors of the Glenn Gould Foundation and the Off Centre Music Salon, a professional chamber music ensemble that performs in Toronto. He joined the Board of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in 2005 and chairs its Nominating committee as well as serving on its Human Resources committee. He has also served on the Board’s Diversity Task Force.

PROF. DAVID JOHNSTON
Heidelberg, Ontario. Professor Johnston completed his university studies with distinction in three countries: the United States (Harvard AB, 1963), England (Cambridge LLB, 1965) and Canada (Queen’s LLB, 1966). While at Harvard he was twice named to the All-American Hockey Team and is in Harvard’s Athletic Hall of Fame. His academic specializations are securities regulation, corporation law and communications law. He taught law at Queen’s University (1966) and the University of Toronto (1968), and was the University of Western Ontario’s Dean of Law from 1974 to 1979. In 1979 he was named Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, and in July 1994, on stepping down as Principal, returned to McGill’s Faculty of Law as a full-time professor. Taking office as the fifth President of the University of Waterloo on June 1, 1999, he was
formally installed as President and Vice-Chancellor later that month. Among his many honours are honorary doctorates from twelve universities and status as a Companion of the Order of Canada. He is the author/co-author of two dozen books. The fifth edition of one of these, Canadian Securities Regulation, is currently in preparation. Professor Johnston was President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and of the Conférence des Recteurs et des Principaux des Universités du Québec, the founding Chair of the National Roundtable on Environment and the Economy and the only non-U.S. citizen to chair Harvard University’s Board of Overseers. For the federal government, he has chaired the Information Highway Advisory Council, the Blue Ribbon Panel on Smart Communities, the Advisory Council on Online Learning, the Committee on Canadian Information Systems for the Environment and the National Broadband Task Force. He has also chaired the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research and the Neuroscience National Centre of Excellence. He has served on many other provincial and federal task forces and committees and is on the boards of a number of companies, including CGI Group, Masco Corp., Fairfax Financial Holdings and ARISE Technologies Inc. He is also a founding trustee of the MasterCard Foundation. Professor Johnston currently resides at Chatterbox Farm in Heidelberg with his wife, Dr. Sharon Johnston; they have five adult daughters and six grandchildren.

COLLEEN MOOREHEAD

Toronto, Ontario. Colleen Moorehead is an accomplished business leader with over twenty-five years of experience in financial services, technology, business and web-based services. Currently, as an Entrepreneur in Residence, she assists Signal Hill Equity Partners in identifying and evaluating new investment opportunities and assisting portfolio companies in executing strategies. Signal Hill is a Toronto-based private equity firm managed by experienced investors and business operators, focusing on Canadian mid-market companies. Following a successful career at Merrill Lynch and CIBC in investment banking and retail investments, Ms Moorehead co-founded E*TRADE Canada. Most recently, she served as President and CEO for Nexient Learning Inc. One of the original founders of The Judy Project, an Enlightened Leadership Forum for Executive Women at the Joseph Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, she currently serves as its Business Director. She is also Vice Chair of the new Women’s College Hospital upcoming capital campaign, with the goal of building Canada’s first stand-alone ambulatory hospital designed primarily for women. She also serves, and has served, on many professional and community boards, including the Task Force to Modernize Securities Legislation in Canada, Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation, Canadian e-Business Initiative, Covenant House of Toronto, TSX Policy Committee, Investment Dealers Association and Stratford Summer Music. Most importantly, she was born and raised in the Stratford area and loves the Festival.

M. LEE MYERS

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is pleased to announce the election of Dr. M. Lee Myers as Chair of the Board of Governors. Dr. Myers, of London, Ontario, is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Western Ontario and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Cardiovascular Surgery. She has served as Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Victoria Hospital, President of the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC)
Medical Staff Association and Chair of the LHSC Medical Advisory Committee, and is a former member of the LHSC Board of Directors. She was a longstanding member of the Board of London Community Foundation, serving as its Chair in 2006 and 2007. She was an inaugural member of the Ontario Minister of Health’s Women’s Health Advisory Council, and was a recipient of the YMCA-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award in 2003. Dr. Myers has served on the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Board of Governors since 2002 and has chaired the Education and Archives Committee as well as the Governance Committee.

**WENDY PITBLADO**

Toronto, Ontario. Born in Toronto, Ms Pitblado attended high school in Montreal and Switzerland, and received her BA from Queen’s University in Kingston. From 1983 to 1988 she was a Vice President at Wood Gundy Securities and managed the Ontario Sales Division. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, serving on the Investment Sub-Committee and as Co-Chair of the Circle of Hope Committee. She now serves on the Board of the Pitblado Foundation, which concentrates its donations in Ontario on the arts and children’s health. Past Director of Sports for Mooredale House and past Chair of the Annual Giving Program at Branksome Hall, she is Secretary of the Board of The Writers’ Trust of Canada and sits on three of its committees, including Governance, Finance and Literary Events. She also sits on the Arts and Science Cabinet at Queen's University. Ms Pitblado resides in Toronto and is the mother of two daughters and one son.

**RICHARD ROONEY**

(Past Chair, Board of Governors; ex-officio Board Member)

Toronto, Ontario. Richard Rooney is President of Toronto-based investment counselor Burgundy Asset Management Ltd., which provides value-based investment services to individuals and institutions. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. Mr. Rooney is a Director of Dominion of Canada General Insurance and Empire Life Insurance Company. He is also a Trustee of The Art Gallery of Ontario Foundation. Mr. Rooney is married with two children. He has been attending performances at Stratford since he was in Grade 9 and is honoured to be associated with this superb cultural organization. Since joining the Board in December 2003, Mr. Rooney has served as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, Chair of the Nominating Committee and as Chair of the Board of Governors and a Director on the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Endowment Foundation from 2008 to 2010.

**NARGIS TARMOHAMED**

Exeter, Ontario. Ms Tarmohamed is the Chief Operating Officer of a diversified family investment company, where she manages investments in real estate, retail, healthcare and hospitality. She is also the President and Founder of XIS, a boutique hotel in downtown Stratford that opened in 2004 following the two-year redevelopment of an old bank building. Ms Tarmohamed holds a CGA and an ACCA. Born in Kenya, she completed her university education at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, following which she immigrated to Canada with her husband. During her thirty years in southwestern Ontario, she has served as a member of various not-for-profit and community outreach
organizations. She is a prior member of the Board and past Chair of the Residential Committee for Community Living, South Huron. She also served as Vice President Media Relations for the Aga Khan Foundation Partnership Walk, London, and Chairperson London Council for Social Welfare for the Ismaili Council for Canada. Ms Tarmohamed is honoured to be nominated for the Board of Governors of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival after her many years as a committed patron. The Festival has played a significant role for her family for over twenty years, from attending performances each year to her daughter’s involvement in the Festival’s Shakespeare School.