

**MINUTES**  
**WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Thursday, May 13, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Bechtle, presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Bechtle, Vice President Shultz, Trustee Bashford, Trustee Davis, Trustee Horn, Trustee Myatt, Trustee Pelosi, Trustee Wilsey;

Absent: Trustee Jarman, Trustee Moscone;

Staff Present: Elizabeth Murray, Managing Director  
Jennifer Norris, Assistant Managing Director/Executive Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Bechtle called for approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2010 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Vice President Shultz, seconded by Trustee Bashford, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Trustee Appointments & Reappointments:** President Bechtle introduced and welcomed Dede Wilsey as a new member of the War Memorial Board of Trustees, appointed and sworn-in by Mayor Newsom on March 30, 2010. President Bechtle stated that Trustee Wilsey has extensive experience and actively participates in many San Francisco community and civic organizations, and her knowledge and abilities have been key to the success of many civic endeavors. On behalf of the Board, President Bechtle extended congratulations to Trustee Wilsey on her appointment.

President Bechtle reported that Mayor Newsom has reappointed five members of the Board of Trustees, Vice President Shultz, Trustee Bashford, Trustee Moscone, Trustee Pelosi and herself. She stated that the Mayor will have a swearing-in ceremony for reappointed Trustees as well as other City commissioners on Friday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m., on the Mayor's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony at City Hall.

President Bechtle also reported that Mayor Newsom has appointed Bella Farrow to the Golden Gate Parking Concourse Authority, and Bella will be sworn-in to this new post at the Mayor's swearing-in ceremony on May 14. She stated that Bella Farrow has been a dedicated and active member of the War Memorial Board of Trustees since January 1999, and for the past 11 years, Bella has worked on almost all of the Board's committees and has consistently championed the War Memorial's causes. President Bechtle extended an invitation to all Trustees and guests to join her immediately after today's meeting to honor and thank former Trustee Bella Farrow for her valued service to the War Memorial.

**San Francisco Ballet & Opera Seasons:** President Bechtle reported that the San Francisco Ballet concluded its 2010 repertory season on Sunday, May 9. She noted that the Ballet's final program of "Romeo & Juliet" was outstanding, and a special highlight was the real-life marriage proposal by Romeo to Juliet at the end of Saturday night's performance. On behalf of the Trustees, President Bechtle extended congratulations to the Ballet on a wonderful 2010 repertory season.

President Bechtle reported that the San Francisco Opera will open its 2010 summer season in the Opera House on June 5, and on behalf of the Board she extended best wishes to the Opera for a successful summer season.

**San Francisco Symphony - Black & White Ball:** President Bechtle reported the San Francisco Symphony will hold its bi-annual Black & White Ball on Saturday, May 22, in the Civic Center, including a wide variety of entertainment, food, beverages and surprises throughout the Performing Arts Center buildings and grounds. On behalf of the Board, President Bechtle extended best wishes to the Symphony for a successful Black & White Ball.

**San Francisco Veterans Memorial Kick-Off Event:** President Bechtle reported that Trustees Myatt and Bashford, together with their Veterans Memorial Working Committee, held a very special “kick-off” event in the Opera House on April 26. She stated this event so beautifully captured the purpose and meaning of the San Francisco Veterans Memorial Project which has been 75 years in the making. President Bechtle thanked Trustees Myatt and Bashford for their hard work and perseverance on this important project, and asked Trustee Myatt if he would like to make some comments about the successful kick-off event.

Trustee Myatt reported that the Veterans Memorial Working Committee has created a new website at [www.sfveteransmemorial.org](http://www.sfveteransmemorial.org), and he encouraged Trustees and others to visit the website to see the short video that was presented at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Kick-off event, and to learn about the nationwide design competition process being conducted for the Committee by the Arts Commission. He stated that in mid-July, the Arts Commission will assemble a selection panel to review applicants and to select 3 finalist teams. Each of the teams will be paid an honorarium to develop a proposal for the site, and the final design proposal selection will take place in April 2011. Trustee Bashford added that the fundraising campaign is gearing up with a goal of raising \$500,000 in 2010, towards the overall goal of \$2.5 million.

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Rental Requests:** Ms. Murray reported that rental requests mailed to Trustees are routine and requested their approval. On motion of Trustee Myatt, seconded by Vice President Shultz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 10-15**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following rental requests are hereby approved:

#### **WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE**

Melissa Hsieh Wedding Ceremony & Reception in Lobbies	July 3, 2010	\$5,000.00
New Tang Dynasty TV Shen Yun	July 22-25, 2010	\$12,000.00 vs. 10% \$20,000.00 maximum
American Bar Association Reception in Lobby	August 6, 2010	\$4,400.00
Phoebe Katz Wedding Reception in Lobbies	August 7, 2010	\$5,000.00

#### **LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

Live Nation Worldwide Gipsy Kings ( <i>subsequently moved to Masonic Auditorium</i> )	July 11, 2010	\$2,500.00 vs. 10% \$6,500.00 maximum
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Goldenvoice San Francisco Craig Ferguson	September 11, 2010	\$2,500.00 vs. 10% \$6,500.00 maximum
Maestro Artist Management Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra	November 6, 2010	\$2,500.00 vs. 10% \$6,500.00 maximum
Japanese Benevolent Society of California Japan Festival Ishikawa Culture	November 22, 2010	\$2,500.00 vs. 10% \$4,500.00 maximum
San Francisco Girls Chorus Holiday Concert	December 20, 21, 2010	\$4,500.00 vs. 10% \$6,500.00 maximum

**HERBST THEATRE**

Another Planet Entertainment Henry Rollins	June 8, 2010	\$1,250.00
California State Friendship Committee Shanghai Expo Celebration	June 13, 2010	\$750.00
Commonwealth Club of California Rosalynn Carter	August 13, 2010	\$550.00
Friends of Menopause Tour, LLC Menopause the Musical	August 24-27, 2010	\$6,300.00
SF American Chinese Cultural Center Mimi Lai with Her Students	September 3, 2010	\$800.00
LIKHA Pilipino Folk Ensemble Asia On Stage	September 10-12, 2010	\$2,300.00
GroundSpark Choosing Children 25 Years Later	September 14, 2010	\$800.00
Chinese American International School Soli Club Concert	September 19, 2010	\$800.00
Excellence in Investing for Children's Causes Ira Shon: Excellence in Investing San Francisco	October 6, 2010	\$800.00
Another Planet Entertainment Bryan Adams	October 25, 2010	\$1,350.00
Geographic Expeditions Simon Winchester	November 16, 2010	\$1,350.00
George Komsky George Komsky in Concert	November 21, 2010	\$1,350.00
The Kinsey Sicks Oy Veh in a Manger	November 26, 2010	\$1,350.00

California Institute for Integral Studies Coleman Barks / RUMI	December 11, 2010	\$800.00
Urban School Winter Concert	December 12, 2010	\$800.00
Presidio Hill School 2010 Follies	December 14, 15, 2010	\$1,500.00
Another Planet Entertainment Peaches	December 18, 2010	\$1,350.00
Jill Bourque Presents Not Your Normal New Year's Eve How We First Met	December 31, 2010 February 12 & 14, 2011	\$4,050.00

**Additional Rental Requests:** Ms. Murray requested approval of additional rental requests as submitted. On motion of Vice President Shultz, seconded by Trustee Pelosi, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-16**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following additional rental requests are hereby approved:

**LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

SFJAZZ 2010 Fall Season	October 10, 27, 2010	\$5,000.00 vs. 10% \$9,000.00 maximum
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**HERBST THEATRE**

City Arts & Lectures 826 Valencia Series	September 13, 22, 29, 2010 October 1, 7, 2010 November 1, 15, 30, 2010	\$6,400.00
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City Arts & Lectures	September 16, 20, 23, 27, 2010 October 4, 12, 18, 27, 2010 November 9, 17, 18, 2010 December 2, 2010	\$9,600.00
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SFJAZZ 2010 Fall Season	September 25, 2010 October 3, 10, 11, 14, 20, 21, 24, 29, 30, 31, 2010 November 3, 4, 6, 2010	\$12,000.00
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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Revenue, Appropriations and Housekeeping Expenditures Reports for March and April 2010:** Ms. Norris referred to the Revenue, Appropriations, and Housekeeping Expenditures Reports for March and April 2010, and requested approval of housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Vice President Shultz, seconded by Trustee Horn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM10215 through WM10255, and Interdepartmental Work Order Nos. WM1017 thru 021, are hereby approved.

REGULAR ITEMS

**Symphony proposal for exterior signage and banners at Davies Symphony Hall:** President Bechtle stated that Trustees have received a copy of the letter from the San Francisco Symphony requesting the Board's consideration of proposals for additional exterior signage and banners at Davies Symphony Hall. President Bechtle referred this matter to the Building Committee for consideration and adoption of recommendations.

**Patina Catering proposal for improvements to Opera House Dress Circle and Balcony Circle intermission bars:** President Bechtle reported that as part of its contractual investment for improvements, Patina Catering would like to present its proposals for improvements to the Opera House dress circle and balcony circle intermission bars. She referred this matter to the Board's Building Committee for consideration and adoption of recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Bechtle adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Jennifer E. Norris  
Executive Secretary