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**Milwaukee Ballet appoints Christine Culver to Board of Directors**

**MILWAUKEE – February 12, 2021** – Milwaukee Ballet today announced Christine Culver as a new appointment to their Board of Directors.

Culver most recently worked for the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) for nine years, where she led fundraising efforts, executed a community outreach strategy, and managed the annual allocation process.

“Christine’s passion for the arts and wealth of experience raising awareness for Milwaukee’s performing arts community instantly makes her a strong asset,” said Milwaukee Ballet Managing Director Anne Metcalfe. “I am excited to work more closely with her as we recover from the pandemic and expand our programming.”

The Board of Directors, with the addition of Culver’s expertise, advocates for community support of Milwaukee Ballet, especially as the organization faces earned revenue challenges created by the ongoing pandemic.

Culver noted she was grateful to continue advocating for the arts in her new role. “Having had the pleasure to work closely with Milwaukee Ballet’s leadership and Board during my time at UPAF, I am excited to join a team so committed to not only presenting world-class work in Milwaukee, but also inspiring people of all ages and backgrounds around Southeastern Wisconsin through their community engagement programming.”

In addition to her new Board position at Milwaukee Ballet, Culver is active within the community serving on the Executive Committee and Board of the Meta House, Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Elm Grove Junior Guild, the Life Navigators Board of Directors, and the Milwaukee Zoological Society Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Elm Grove Women’s Club and TEMPO Milwaukee. Culver is a past Milwaukee Business Journal 40 under 40 honoree and received the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County’s Philanthropic Five Award.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Culver is also an alum of Georgetown University McDonough School of Business’ Business for Impact New Strategies Program and Leadership Now Nonprofit Leadership Cohort. She resides in Elm Grove with her husband, Tom, and son, George.

Milwaukee Ballet’s Board of Directors also includes Jennifer Abele; Donna Baumgartner; Jane Bell; William Bonifas; Cheryl Carron; Mary Chuy; Sarah Damsgaard; Michael DeMichele; Nancy Einhorn; Colleen Henderson, CFA; Sarah Wright Kimball; Mia Lombardi; Suzanne Martens, M.D.; Justin Mortara (Immediate Past Board Chair & President); Kelly Noyes; Sarah Thomas Pagels; Jill Pelisek; Christopher

Piotrowski (Treasurer); Jan Pirozzolo-Mellowes (Chair-Elect); William Raasch, MD; Neil Riegelman (Secretary); John Rumpf; Amy Schmidt Jones (Board Chair/President); Molly Schweiger; Denise Thomas; Linda Wade

**About Milwaukee Ballet**

Milwaukee Ballet was founded in 1970. Led by Artistic Director Michael Pink, Milwaukee Ballet's mission is to create a rich and diverse community through its inspiring dance performance, education, and outreach. Milwaukee Ballet hosts an international company of dancers and maintains its own orchestra. Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy is the only professional dance school in the Midwest accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, teaching beginner through pre-professional levels in three locations: Third Ward, Fox Point, and Brookfield. Milwaukee Ballet's award-winning Community Engagement department serves nearly 30,000 people in Southeastern Wisconsin each year through original, interactive programs. Milwaukee Ballet is a proud cornerstone member of United Performing Arts Fund and holds a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

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