



Regional Arts & Culture Council

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TO Chair Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Board
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CC Barbara Guthrie, scheduler, Office of Chair Cogen
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FROM Eloise Damrosch, executive director

RE 2011 Board Re-appointments for RACC

We are writing to request your approval of three re-appointments for the Multnomah County jurisdiction that are eligible to serve a term on the Board of Directors for the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC), starting on July 1, 2011. Please re-appoint:

Position#	Board Member	Re-appointment*
1	Brian Rice	second term ending 6/30/13
3	Jennifer Cies	second term ending 6/30/13
4	Max M. Miller, Jr.	second term ending 6/30/13

Brian has provided support to The Right Brain Initiative, which works to build arts education into every school in the region. Jennifer serves as our treasurer and provides support to Work for Art, our advocacy and workplace giving program. Max serves as our secretary and supports the work of Right Brain and our Leadership Development Committee, which is working to cultivate a culturally diverse board. Biographical information and addresses follow this page.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to identify and recruit RACC board members who will represent the interests of Multnomah County to your liking, and who can help us in our mission to integrate arts and culture in all aspects of community life throughout the region. Diversity, community connections, financial expertise, and of course, a passion for the arts, are among the many criteria that we consider.

* Per RACC bylaws, each board member may serve up to three 2-year terms. There are five Multnomah County positions on the RACC board (#1-5). Position #2 is currently held by Dr. Jerry Hudson, former president of Willamette University (*first term ends 6/30/12*). Position #5 is vacant; however, our Leadership Development Committee is currently vetting a list of strong candidates.

FY2011-12 RACC BOARD MEMBER

Jennifer Cies (*treasurer*) is a marketing and product development professional currently with Umpqua Bank as Vice President of Product Strategies. Her prior experience in financial services includes several years with HSBC in Oregon and Credit Suisse First Boston on the East Coast. Jennifer has an MBA and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University, and earned her BS in Journalism and Asian Studies from Northwestern University. She has worked overseas in India and Japan in nonprofit management, consulting and education. Her primary interests are in arts education, advocacy, theater, and opera. Her other interests include working as a volunteer community mediator and travel, especially wine-related travel. Seven years ago, Jennifer and her partner, Maria Gonzalez, chose Portland as their permanent home, in part for its world-class arts combined with its community bent and livability.

Max M. Miller, Jr. (*secretary*) is an attorney at Tonkon Torp, LLP. He is co-chair of the firm's Sustainability Practice Group, and chair of both the Environmental & Natural Resources Practice Group and the Sustainability Committee. His experience includes business transactions, regulatory proceedings, business advice, and litigation representation. His clients' industries include renewable energy, forestry and forest products, manufacturing and food processing. He is recognized by "Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business," and "The Best Lawyers in America." Max holds a B.A. in Economics from Pitzer College and a J.D. from Lewis and Clark College. His community activities include serving MetroArts, Inc.; The Right Brain Initiative Governing Committee; Portland Business Alliance Sustainability Committee; Friends of the Children Endowment Committee; The Mayor's Economic Cabinet, & Oregon State Bar Sustainability Task Force.

Brian Rice is president of KeyBank's Oregon and Southwest Washington District. Brian is responsible for growing the client base in Retail Banking, Business Banking, Commercial Banking and Key Private Bank, which provides banking, investing and trust services to the affluent – ensuring seamless delivery of those products and services to clients in their districts. In 2005, Rice was recognized by CEO Henry Meyer with a 2005 Chairman's Award. Prior to joining Key Private Bank in June 2002, Brian was vice president and market area manager for Wells Fargo Bank. Prior to that, he was branch manager and district sales manager for First Interstate Bank. Brian attended the University of Washington and the Pacific Coast Banking School. An active member of his community, he sits on the boards of local non-profit organizations, including New Avenues for Youth, the Library Foundation, SOLV, Oregon Bankers Association Portland Art Museum, and Providence Medical Foundation.

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