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Detroit International Jazz Festival Introduces New leadership and Fresh Perspective to Board of Trustees DJF Announces Dr. Stanley M. Berry as Chair and Elects New Board Members

Detroit, December 15, 2010 – The Detroit International Jazz Festival foundation board and board of trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Stanley M. Berry** as chair and **F. Thomas Lewand** and **Gerald Smith** as newly elected members of the Detroit International Jazz Festival (DJF) board of trustees.

Berry, corporate chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beaumont Hospitals, is a jazz enthusiast and longtime festival supporter. While his primary goal is to ensure the sustainability of the festival, he plans to be active in the enhancement of DJF's jazz education initiatives for Detroit students.

"We're all excited for Stan to step into this role," said Gretchen Valade, DJF Foundation, chair. "Stan's passion and dedication for DJF, jazz music and the City of Detroit are going to help push the festival and our educational programming to new heights."

Berry succeeds George Hill, president of Diversified Chemicals, who stepped down after serving as the board chair for three years. Hill, a generous festival donor, led the newly formed board through organizational transition and board development.

"Stan's tenure comes at a good time for the festival, which over the past five years has earned national critical acclaim, won support from numerous foundations and become a year-round presence in the community through educational programs and partnerships with key Detroit cultural institutions," said Hill. "I know he has the energy and vision to take us to the next level."

In addition, **F. Thomas Lewand** of Bodman, LLC and **Gerald Smith** of Comcast Corporation will join the 19-member board of festival advocates and distinguished community leaders. Both individuals will use their experience and proven leadership skills to help guide and support DJF.

About Stanley M. Berry, M.D.

Stanley M. Berry, M.D. is corporate chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beaumont Hospitals and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. He is responsible for overseeing all of the medical care provided to obstetrical and gynecological patients.

Berry practices the subspecialty of Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM, the care of high-risk obstetrical patients). He has won numerous scientific and teaching awards, such as the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Outstanding Citizen award from Macalester College in 2001.

He attended Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota where he earned his medical degree from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn. and completed his residency training at St. Louis University. His fellowship in MFM was completed in 1990 at Wayne State University/Hutzel Hospital (WSU).

About F. Thomas Lewand

F. Thomas Lewand, a partner with Bodman LLP in Detroit, represents corporations in a variety of general business transactions. He also works with a number of municipalities as bond counsel. A representative transaction has been the issuance of \$270 million in bonds in ten series for 13 Downriver communities and Wayne County under court supervision over a five-year period.

Lewand has negotiated numerous public-private partnerships between corporations and municipalities including a transaction among the Detroit Lions, Wayne County and the City of Detroit for construction of a new \$400 million stadium. He was the governor's facilitator on a \$50 million public-private partnership between the Detroit Medical Center ("DMC") and three government units. He has served as the negotiator for DMC in restructuring its contracts with Wayne State University School of Medicine, which have saved DMC approximately \$30 Million. He recently led a team securing a Renaissance Zone saving DMC over \$300 Million in taxes thereby facilitating its sale to the Vanguard National Healthcare firm.

Lewand serves as Special Master to US District Judge John Feikens on water and sewer matters for Southeast Michigan involving analysis of legal and financial issues on several federal lawsuits and a voluntary consortium of all municipalities in Southeast Michigan. He lead negotiations that resulted in an historic settlement between Detroit and its suburban customers resolving numerous outstanding issues and setting the frame work for handling future disputes without court involvement.

Lewand was appointed to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation executive committee in 2006.

About Gerald W. Smith

Gerald W. Smith is the Senior Manager of Government Affairs for Comcast-Michigan. Smith oversees the implementation of statewide and regional government affairs initiatives in the Michigan Region.

Prior to joining Comcast, Smith served as director of community and project development at Channel 56-Detroit Public Television for 14 years. He is best known for his role as co-host on "Back-To-Back", the Detroit call-in TV/radio talk show on WTVS- Channel 56 and WQBH-1400AM. He recently hosted a talk show on Detroit Public TV entitled, "Good Schools: Making the Grade." Smith currently is the host of community television specials on the Comcast Community Network.

Smith has served on the faculty of Wayne State University in the Department of Africana Studies and was a 2010 inductee into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle Hall of Fame, Michigan Chapter.

About Detroit International Jazz Festival

The Detroit International Jazz Festival (DJF) is an independent, non-profit organization that presents jazz and educational workshops throughout the year. With an audience of 750,000, this free event has a \$90M impact on the city. It is supported through foundation grants, individual donations, and customized sponsorships for businesses that benefit from exposure to DJF's large, diverse and educated audience. For more information visit www.detroitjazzfest.com.

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