

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 2, 2010

Contact: Emily Richard
Manager, Corporate Communications
(615) 275-1611
www.flynashville.com

Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Announces Appointments to Arts at the Airport Foundation Board of Directors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – At the recent board meeting for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, board members voted to re-appoint three members to the Arts at the Airport Foundation board of directors while also welcoming three new members to the board.

An essential aspect of the Nashville Airports Experience, the award-winning Arts at the Airport program has provided visual and performing arts for travelers through Nashville's International Airport since 1993.

These appointments reflect MNAA's continuing commitment to the arts community in Middle Tennessee.

"We are very happy to announce these re-appointments as well as some new appointments, and we are grateful for the contributions of our outgoing Foundation board members," said Raul Regalado, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA). "We are certain that the new members of our Foundation board will continue to help us provide the wonderful exhibits and performances that travelers through Nashville's airports have come to expect."

The MNAA board approved the appointments to the Arts at the Airport Foundation board outlined below.

- **Charles Cook Jr.**, chairman of the board for Nashville Bank & Trust, is a respected business and community leader in the field of finance and banking. He has a strong interest and commitment for expanding the visual and performing arts in the Nashville community. Cook is also a private collector supporting many Tennessee artisans. Cook was re-appointed to another three-year term on the board.
- **Sandra Fulton**, former chairwoman of the Travel Industry Association for America, is a highly respected community leader and public art advocate. Fulton has served as a member of the Foundation board since its inception in 1993. Fulton was re-appointed to another three-year term on the board.
- **Kim Hawkins**, principal with Hawkins Partners, Inc., is a landscape architect. Hawkins has a strong interest in public art programs and serves on several local committees that promote public access for the visual arts. Hawkins was re-appointed to another three-year term on the board.

Arts at the Airport Foundation Board/Page 2

- **Jeff Lynch**, founder and owner of Summit Financial Group, provides financial consulting services to clients both corporate and individual. Lynch has a keen interest in art and the arts community in the Nashville region. He has been a private collector of original art for almost 20 years and has accumulated a collection of more than 120 pieces. Lynch's private collection also showcases works by Tennesseans Rusty Wolfe and John Henry. Lynch is a new appointee to the board.
- **Michael McBride** has had a long career as a prominent painter which has earned him several noted recognitions including *The Tennessean's* Millennium Collection selection, inclusion in an exhibition exchange program with the city of Belfast, Ireland, and as artist-in-residence for the Master Works Museum of Bermuda Art in Bermuda. In the past, he has served as the curator for the Hiram V. Gordon Gallery and is currently a full-time instructor of art at Tennessee State University. He is especially well-known in the mid-state for his various community-based public works of art. McBride was appointed to serve the final year of an unexpired term.
- **Ellen L. Meyer**, Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, began her tenure as president on August 1, 2008. Meyer brings to Watkins a lifelong commitment to and investment in the arts and art education. Meyer previously served as president of Atlanta College of Art for 14 years. Meyer brings expertise to the Foundation board in art education. She received both Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from George Washington University. Meyer is an active member of the art, design and business communities regionally and nationally, having served on the Commission on Accreditation for the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. Meyer is a new appointee to the board.

The Arts at the Airport Foundation board elected the following officers during its recent meeting: Charlie Cook as chairman; Kim Hawkins as vice president; and Nate Harris, owner of Woodcuts Gallery & Framing, one of the largest galleries of African-American art in the state, as secretary.

Arts at the Airport

Working closely with the 15-member Arts at the Airport Foundation board, the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority showcases the region's visual and performing arts through its Arts at the Airport program, which receives some funding from the Tennessee Arts Commission. The award-winning Arts at the Airport program reviews and presents works by local, regional and national artists for the enjoyment and enrichment of Nashville International Airport's (BNA) and John C. Tune Airport's (JWN) passengers and visitors. In addition to visual art, Arts at the Airport includes music since it is an integral part of Nashville. The arts come alive with musical performances on stages throughout BNA's passenger terminal.

Nashville International Arts at the Airport, a (501c)(3) organization, receives funding from the Tennessee Arts Commission and other grant-giving organizations to provide a comprehensive art program in the terminal. For more information on Arts at the Airport and the current exhibitions at the airport, visit www.flynashville.com.

###