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Alain Barker | Council Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/19

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Alain Barker (MM, DM) has an entrepreneurial career that includes arts organization development, arts policy research, communications & marketing, teaching & performance. He was appointed Director of Music Entrepreneurship and Career Development at the Jacobs School of Music in July 2014. From 2004 - 2014, Barker directed Jacobs School of Music marketing and publicity operations. Initiatives during this time included a rebranding of the school, development of multiple communications platforms, publicity and marketing for more than 1,100 events annually, and integration of social media into school life.

From 1994-2004, he was Executive Director of the Bloomington Early Music Festival, a time during which the project grew to national significance. He has worked as a consultant to major music organizations; agent, organizer and publicist for local not-for-profits, concert series and artists; manager of three international tours by Aguavá New Music Studio; and managed a number of US tours by leading classical music performers. Barker was co-principal flute in the Orchestra of the Asturian Principality, in Oviedo, Spain, and principal flute in the Marion, Ind. Philharmonic. He has performed in numerous recitals and music festivals around the U.S. and, with the Aguavá New Music Studio, toured across the U.S., as well as to Mexico, Colombia, and Israel. He taught for four years as a visiting lecturer in flute at the Jacobs School's summer semester.



Martina Celerin | Council Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/18

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Martina Celerin earned her doctoral degree in plant sciences from the University of Western Ontario and found herself in Bloomington by way of a postdoctoral position as a molecular geneticist in the Biology Department at Indiana University. In 2002 Martina decided to transition from science back to her roots as an artist; her current medium is fiber. By combining her experiences with 2-D art with needle felting and other fiber techniques, she has been able to push the dimensional limits of wall art and create weaving felting fusions that are 3D tapestries. Martina is actively involved with Bloomington's Fourth Street Festival of Art and Craft as president, as well as the BEAD Strategic Planning Committee, the Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild, and the Trashion-Refashion Show Committee. She lives in Bloomington with her husband, Jim Drummond, a faculty in Biochemistry at Indiana University, and their two sons.



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Gabe Colman | Council Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/18

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Gabe Colman is the owner and operator of The Venue Fine Art & Gifts in downtown Bloomington, Indiana. He is a graduate of the Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Arts at Indiana University, and has been involved in many facets of art commerce for the past 12 years. He is a native of Bloomington, and thrilled to be a part of the Bloomington Arts Commission, a civic body dedicated to the arts.



Jan Grant | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/17

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Jan Grant received her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the IU School of Music (now Jacobs School of Music) and a Masters of Arts in Arts Administration from IU's Business School. After 12 years in arts administration positions on the east coast, Jan returned to Bloomington in 1992. Jan has served on the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation Board for 6 years, one year as chair and is an alumna of the Leadership Bloomington/Monroe County (LBMC); her LBMC project committee founded a middle school leadership program for Monroe County public and private schools. Jan has volunteered for a variety of arts and non-profit charitable organizations for special projects and fundraising activities



Sally Gaskill, Chair | Council Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/17

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Sally Gaskill is a life-long arts administrator and musician. She was appointed director of the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP) in 2012, following four years as associate director. SNAAP (snaap.indiana.edu) investigates the educational experiences and career paths of arts graduates nationally, having surveyed over 100,000 arts alumni since 2008. On the national level, Sally is a board member of Arts Schools Network, an arts education organization for arts-focused K-12 schools. She is a frequent speaker at cultural policy conferences. A past member of Americans for the Arts' State Arts Action Council and past president of the Indiana Coalition for the Arts, she remains active in arts advocacy on the local, state and national levels.



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Locally she is a WTIU community advisory board member, Cardinal Stage Company founding board member (now retired), Bloomington Rotary Club program chair, and chair of the Monroe County Public Library's Power of Words author event. She is a classically trained musician and sings with Voces Novae in Bloomington. She has lived in Italy and England, where she studied organ and harpsichord. Sally received a B.A. in History from Colorado College and an M.A. in Arts Management from American University.



Peter Jacobi | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/18

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Jacobi has served on the Bloomington Arts Commission since 1996. Prior, he served nine-and-a-half years as a commissioner on the Indiana Arts Commission, three of those as chair. Professionally, Jacobi is an emeritus professor in the School of Journalism at Indiana University and former professor and associate dean of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

His professional journalistic background spreads across print and broadcast fields: as arts critic and writer for various newspapers, including The Chicago Daily News, The Christian Science Monitor, and the Hollister Newspaper chain in north suburban Chicago; as editor of a magazine, The Music Magazine/Musical Courier, and freelance writer for others; as news writer, assignment editor, and on-air reporter for radio and television, including ABC and NBC News. Jacobi's professional experience also includes the vice presidency of Jack Hilton, Inc., a New York media training and speech coaching firm, and he continues to consult with corporate and institutional clients on communications issues and skills. Jacobi currently serves as music columnist and critic for the Bloomington Herald-Times. He continues to teach arts criticism and reporting and magazine reporting for the School of Journalism.



Abby Perfetti | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/19

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Abby Perfetti is the Communications Director at Sycamore Land Trust, the conservation nonprofit covering 26 counties in southern Indiana. Prior to joining Sycamore, she was the Content & Social Media Coordinator at Visit Bloomington. She has volunteered for the Bloomington PRIDE Film Festival since 2009, and sings soprano with Voces Novae and other musical projects. Perfetti moved to Bloomington in 2009 and earned her MA in Arts Administration from IU in 2011.

Before that, she earned her BA in Music from Earlham College in 2008. Abby has studied and performed choral music on three continents, and loves the supportive musical environment of Bloomington.



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Angelo Pizzo | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/19
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Angelo Pizzo is a screenwriter and film producer, best known for *Hoosiers* (1986) and *Rudy* (1993). He grew up in Bloomington and received a bachelor's degree in political science at Indiana University. He attended film school at the University of Southern California.

Pizzo began his film/television career with Warner Brothers Television in the story development group, then moved to Time-Life Films. After serving as Vice President of Feature Film Productions at Time-Life Films, he worked with former IU fraternity brother David Anspaugh to create the Oscar-nominated movie *Hoosiers*. He also wrote and co-produced *The Game of Their Lives* (2005) and wrote and directed *My All American* (2015).

Pizzo is working on various projects and also serves on the board of the Heartland Film Festival. He lives in Bloomington and is an avid Indiana University basketball supporter and season ticket holder. Pizzo received an honorary doctorate from Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana, was named Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian award of the State of Indiana, and received various other awards. (PC: Indianapolis Star)



Lynn Schwartzberg | Council Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/17
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Lynn Schwartzberg has served on the BAC since 2007. Lynn is currently on the Advisory Boards of WTIU, WFIU, and the IVY Tech John Waldron Arts. Additionally, Lynn serves as the lay representative from WTIU to the national Advocacy organization, APTS. During the annual Lotus Festival, Lynn is on two planning committees and manages the Festival Store. When not officially serving on boards and committees, Lynn volunteers for the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, Lotus, WTIU and WFIU. Lynn's second love is food: she is the General Manager of One World Enterprises, is an avid baker, teaches cooking classes throughout the state, serves as a certified barbecue judge for the Kansas City Barbeque Society, and is a food columnist for the Bloomington Herald-Times.



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Francesca Sobrer | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/18
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Francesca Sobrer has been involved with the arts since she can remember. She grew up on Nantucket Island, MA, and was educated at Smith College in Northampton, MA, where after graduating with a degree in theater she worked as an arts administrator, coordinating Special Events for the UMASS Fine Arts Center, Amherst, MA, and for the American Repertory Theatre, Cambridge, MA. After moving to Indiana in 1991, she furthered her education with teaching degrees from IU and a Masters in Secondary Education from Ball State. In Bloomington she has been active mostly with the theater scene. Since 1999, Francesca has been the director of the theater program at BHSN, where she teaches and performs the myriad duties of arts administration: coordinating publicity, fundraising for special projects (including taking students to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2008). She has performed in various productions in town, mostly with the BPP. A past member of the Bloomington Area Arts Council (2005-07), Francesca is thrilled to be living and working in the community of Bloomington that recognizes that Art matters.



Michael Wilkerson | Mayoral Appointment | Term Ends: 1/31/17
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Michael Wilkerson is the director of Arts Administration Programs and a lecturer in arts administration at SPEA. He began serving as director in 2015. His professional interests include organizational behavior, board relations, and arts and public policy. He grew up in Indiana and worked in high school and college as a journalist. Wilkerson became a creative writer, publishing short stories and teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for three years before joining the IU administration as a speechwriter and policy assistant in academic affairs, diversity, and research in 1980.

Over the next two decades, he taught classes in writing, literary interpretation, arts administration, and other subjects at IU, American University, DePauw University, University of Wisconsin, and the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. Wilkerson has served in several capacities for arts organizations across the country including Executive Director of the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and for the Ragdale Foundation Artists' Residency Program in Lake Forest, Illinois, as well as Coordinator of University Arts Initiatives at IU. Wilkerson is founding chair of the Alliance of Artists' Communities and the founding editor of the literary magazine *Indiana Review*. In Bloomington, Wilkerson has served as founding board president of Cardinal Stage Company and the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, coordinator of ArtsWeek, and board member of the Lotus Education and Arts Foundation.



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Susan Sandberg | Council Liaison

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Susan Sandberg has been an at-large member of the Bloomington City Council since 2007, serving as Council President in 2008 and 2011. She serves as the Council liaison for the Bloomington Arts Council and the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth. She has been a long-time supporter and advisory member for the Bloomington Entertainment and Arts District, and happily supports the arts in Bloomington as an avid audience member and performer with the ukulele band, The UkeTones. Regarding visual arts, Susan lives vicariously through her artist sister, Sarah, who teaches art in Johnson County (Indian Creek Middle School) and is the stellar prop master for the Cardinal

Stage Company. Susan is an alumna of the IU Singing Hoosiers from back in the day!



Sean Starowitz | Staff Liaison

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Sean Starowitz is a 2010 graduate of the Interdisciplinary Arts program at the Kansas City Art Institute and a 2012 Rocket Grant recipient with support from the Charlotte St. Foundation, Spencer Museum of Art and the Andy Warhol Foundation. In 2014, he was named Charlotte St. Foundation Visual Art Award Fellow. Notable projects include Lots of Love, BREAD! KC and Byproduct: The Laundromat. He is currently the Assistant Director for the Arts for the City of Bloomington.