



"Enriching Our Communities Through Advancement of the Arts"

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ALLIED ARTS HOSTS ANNUAL EVENT TO HONOR 2011 CAMPAIGN HONORARY CHAIRS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., February 8, 2011 – On Thursday, Allied Arts hosted approximately 150 of its top donors at its annual Honorary Chair Party to pay tribute to this year's campaign honorary chairs, LaDonna and Herman Meinders.

The party, held at the Gaillardia home of Jill and Jim Williams, included a special tribute to the Meinders for their support of the arts in Central Oklahoma and their outstanding philanthropic efforts both locally and around the world. The tribute included a special performance by pianist Sergio Monteiro who performed Franz Liszt's "Etude in D-Flat Major" (commonly referred to as "Un Sospiro"), the musical piece LaDonna Meinders performed as Miss Oklahoma in the 1956 Miss America Pageant. The couple was also presented with a painting of their favorite spot on their ranch in northeastern Oklahoma – Lookout Point on the Diamond H Ranch – painted by local artist Mike Larsen.

The presentation was made by Allied Arts board chair, Ann Johnstone; Oklahoma City University president, Robert Henry; and the 2011 Allied Arts campaign co-chairs, Ed Martin and Brenda McDaniel.

This special evening was coordinated by the Honorary Chair Party Committee, which consists of Anne Gray, Ann Johnstone, Joan Maguire, Brenda McDaniel, Charlotte Richels and Pam Shdeed.

Locally, the Meinders' charitable giving includes the Meinders Hall of Mirrors at the Civic Center, the Meinders School of Business and Kramer School of Nursing at Oklahoma City University, the Meinders Gardens at the Myriad, the Meinders Scout Shop at the Boy Scouts headquarters, and the dome atop the state capitol. Their giving encompasses the entire state of Oklahoma through The Meinders Chapel and The LaDonna Kramer Meinders Endowed Chair of New Testament at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, The Great Expectations Foundation in Tahlequah, St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, and the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

About Allied Arts

As Oklahoma's only United Arts Fund, Allied Arts works to broaden support for the arts by raising financial support for the arts and related organizations, encouraging participation and attendance, advocating arts education, and promoting excellence in the arts and arts management. Founded in 1971, the organization has raised more than \$43 million to advance the arts in Central Oklahoma.

Allied Arts' member agencies include:

- Ambassadors' Concert Choir
- Arts Council of Oklahoma City
- Canterbury Choral Society
- Carpenter Square Theatre
- Cimarron Opera
- City Arts Center
- Guy Fraser Harrison Academy
- Individual Artists of Oklahoma
- Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma
- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art
- Metropolitan School of Dance
- Oklahoma Children's Theatre
- Oklahoma City Ballet
- OK City Chorus
- Oklahoma City Museum of Art
- Oklahoma City Philharmonic
- Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park
- Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
- Prairie Dance Theatre
- Science Museum Oklahoma

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****High resolution photos of the event and the campaign co-chairs and honorary chairs available upon request****