



**GRANT PARK
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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**CHICAGO'S GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL
WELCOMES FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CHICAGO (February 26, 2018) — The Grant Park Orchestral Association (GPOA) Board Chair Stephen Smith has announced the appointment of **Tom Hanson, Sandra Kamin, Tim King,** and **Larue Robinson** to the Association's Board of Directors. The GPOA is the governing body of Chicago's Grant Park Music Festival. The four new board members, who will each serve a three-year term, were elected by the membership at their annual meeting in December.

"We look forward to drawing on the expertise of this group, each of whom believe that classical music, performed by our world-class orchestra and chorus, can have a transformative impact on our city," said Smith. "These respected leaders join our existing board members who are committed to operating the Grant Park Music Festival with integrity and fiscal stability."

After years in the heating and cooling industry, **Tom Hanson** integrated his expertise in engineering, business, sales, and communications and started his own company in 1980, Fleming Hanson Sales. The Chicago-based company, from which Hanson retired in 2000, contracts with various heating and cooling manufacturers as exclusive regional sales representatives. In 2003, Hanson and his wife, Nancy, endowed The University of Iowa Hanson Center for Technical Communication in the College of Engineering. He has served on The University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors and as a charter member and chair of the College of Engineering's Development Council. He also serves on the boards of both the Hinsdale Center for the Arts and Advocate Health Care.

Sandra Kamin is a life-long Chicagoan. She was a French and Spanish teacher for 12 years. She has been very active in the community, serving on the Women's Board of the American Cancer Society, Child Abuse Prevention Services, Holocaust Museum, and Children's Research Fund at Lurie Children's Hospital (campaign and gala co-chair). At Latin School, she served as Parents Council President, co-chairman of the school's first auction, chairman of adult education programs, scholarship dinner and Thrift shop board treasurer. Her interest in music is reflected in many years as a subscriber to Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, and of course, Grant Park Music Festival.

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Tim King (ex-officio) is founder, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies, a nonprofit organization operating a network of public college-prep boys' schools in Chicago and related programs aimed at promoting college success. King has been: named ABC World News "Person of the Week", Chicago Magazine's "Chicagoan of the Year", People Magazine's "Hero of the Year" and to Ebony Magazine's "Power 100" list; featured on Good Morning America, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and The Moth/USA Networks' Characters Unite series; and recognized by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton for his work with youth. He has completed post graduate work in Kenya and Italy; holds the Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Adler School; and has received the Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and Juris Doctor Degrees from Georgetown University.

LaRue Robinson is an associate in the Litigation Department of Jenner & Block. He has experience representing clients in a wide variety of litigation, including complex commercial, white collar defense, ERISA, and employment matters. Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Mr. Robinson was an associate at an international law firm. Mr. Robinson received a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University in 2006 and his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2009. Mr. Robinson serves on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Law School Association, is an Associate Board Member of both The Chicago Committee and Chicago Scholars, and was appointed to Columbia University School of Law's Alumni of Color Honorary Committee.

For more than 80 years, the Grant Park Music Festival has been Chicago's summer musical sensation, demonstrating that classical music, performed by a world-class orchestra and chorus can have a transformative impact on the city. Showcased in the city's most spectacular setting, the Festival continues to be the summer gathering place for all of Chicago. The Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park is the official home of the Grant Park Music Festival, with free seats available for every concert. For more information about the Grant Park Music Festival and the 2018 season, running June 13—August 18, visit gpmf.org or call 312.742.7638.

The Grant Park Music Festival is led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar, along with Chorus Director Christopher Bell, Grant Park Orchestral Association President and CEO Paul Winberg, and Board Chair Stephen Smith. The Festival is proudly presented by the Grant Park Orchestral Association with key support from the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

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