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## NC THEATRE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – At its final board meeting of the year, NC Theatre’s board of directors voted in seven new members. The board is comprised of a dedicated group of community leaders who passionately support its mission. They advocate tirelessly in the community to ensure the Theatre’s continuous financial health and success.

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### IN 2010, SEVEN NEW MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE BOARD:

- **Gary Bryant** is currently the President/Restaurant Guy of Empire Eats, a division of Empire properties that includes Duck & Dumpling, Sitti, Gravy, The Raleigh Times Bar, The Morning Times and The Pit.  
**Candace Covington Olander** serves on many local boards including The Montessori School of Raleigh, United Arts Council and Carolina Ballet . She has performed locally for NC Theatre and Theatre in the Park and has appeared in numerous television commercials.
- **Joanne Fruth** is a family physician in the Granville Health System with numerous prestigious professional positions held in the medical field in North Carolina and across the country.
- **Lauren Kennedy** is a long standing member of the NC Theatre family with key roles in early Summer Theatre Arts School (STAS) productions to numerous roles in our main stage productions, most recently starring as Annie Oakley opposite Larry Gatlin in the 2008 production of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Lauren has also appeared on Broadway in *Spamalot*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Side Show* and *Les Misérables*.
- **Mary Marcantonio** has more than 25 years of media experience with advertising agencies, media buying services and in-house operations.
- **Virginia Parker** is Vice President/Business Development Officer with Paragon Commercial Bank. She has served on many boards including the Board of Trustees for Wake Education Partnership, The North Carolina Public School Forum, Communities in Schools in North Carolina and more.
- **Bill Roberts** joined Belk in 2000 as senior vice president and director of stores for the Belk Northern Division and was named executive vice president and general merchandise manager for men’s and home at Belk’s corporate office in Charlotte in 2004. He returned to the Northern Division in March 2008 as senior vice president and director of stores.



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### CURRENT NORTH CAROLINA THEATRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nathan Andrews, Tina Bernhardt, Dan Bryson, Barbara Dupree, Dr. Catherine Evans, Jim Felman, Jack Finley, Tom Fritsch, Katie Gales, Ron Gentile, Donna Gregory, De Ann Jones, Gail Jordan, Allen Mask, M.D., Mitch Perry, Walter Powell, Mimi Stapleton, Jeff Weatherspoon, Analia Wehe-Lehmann, B. Grant Yarber

### ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA THEATRE

The mission of North Carolina Theatre is to strengthen the cultural vitality of the region and cultivate musical theatre appreciation by producing outstanding professional Broadway musicals and developing the next generation of artists through youth training, performance and outreach programs.

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