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Children's Museum of Denver Announces New Board Class

Five Community Members to Join Governing Museum Board

Denver, CO - The Children's Museum of Denver has appointed five new board members to its established board of 20. Hollie Velasquez Horvath, manager of political engagement for Xcel Energy, Taryn Walsh, owner of Scribbles Stationery & Invitations, Anthony Ryan, an attorney with Hogan Lovells, Whitney Holmes, a partner at Morrison & Foerster, and Tami Paumier with Lancaster and Associates and The Titus Foundation, are dedicated to the Museum's mission of creating a safe environment where children and their grownups can learn through play.

"We are thrilled about our new board class," says Mike Yankovich, president and CEO. "The Museum is moving toward an exciting future and we truly have the board to lead us there."

Hollie Velasquez Horvath

Hollie is the manager of political engagement for Xcel Energy and a native of Colorado. Since graduating from Regis University in 2000, she has worked with numerous elected officials as a political fundraiser at the city, state and federal level. She was one of three founding partners of OnSight Public Affairs, for which she worked with several community leaders who lead campaigns for state and city referendums such as Preschool Matters, ProComp and campaigns for education reform in Colorado. She has also worked as a consultant to help start up finance operations for local non-profits within the Denver community such as the Colorado Children's Campaign. Hollie and her husband, Bryon, have 2-year-old twins, Chase and Lillian.

Whitney Holmes

Whitney is a partner in Morrison & Foerster's Denver office and is a member of the firm's corporate group. He concentrates on corporate finance, securities and mergers, and acquisitions. Whitney received his B.A. in English Literature from Pomona College in 1984 and his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1987. Prior to joining Morrison & Foerster, he practiced in New York with a major Wall Street law firm, served as Associate General Counsel for Duke Energy and was a partner in the Denver office of another major international law firm. Whitney is an active member of The Logan School for Creative Learning's finance, development and plant maintenance committees and was involved with Denver Cooperative Preschool. He and his wife, Halle, have a 7-year-old son, Bryce, and a 5-year-old daughter, Zoe.

Tami Paumier

Tami Paumier is an architect by profession, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Architecture and completed two years of graduate work at Columbia University School of Architecture. Her business is Lancaster and Associates, an architectural design firm specializing in residential design. Tami was a co-founder and is president of The Titus Foundation, a family foundation which is focused on childhood education and community development, and she is a board member of the Cheesman Park Advocacy Group. Tami and her husband have a 10-year-old son, Hudson, and a 5-year-old daughter, Bing.

Anthony Ryan

Tony is an attorney in Hogan Lovells' Denver office. His legal practice focuses on real estate, land use and general corporate law. Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Tony was an associate with Fisher, Sweetbaum & Levin, P.C. Preceding that, he was a researcher for the DIA Partnership, an economic development organization, and he received his J.D. from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver in 2005 and his B.A. from the University of Denver in 2001. He is a mayoral appointee to the Denver Early Childhood Council, a board member of Mile High Montessori and is involved in numerous law organizations. Tony and his wife, Melissa, have a 2-year-old daughter, Kerala.

Taryn Walsh

A native of Greeley, Colo., and a 2000 graduate of Colorado State University, Taryn earned her degree in Human Development and Family Studies. After spending a year in Chicago working for United Airlines, she moved back to Denver to become a teacher. Taryn taught preschool and first grade for six years and then opened Scribbles, a stationery shop, in downtown Denver. Taryn lives in Centennial with her 2-year-old son, Reed.

About the Children's Museum of Denver

Since its inception in 1973, the Children's Museum of Denver has been a place that ignites and fosters a great love of learning. Our mission is to create a community where children and their grownups learn through play.

The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment to help young children prepare for their future. The Children's Museum of Denver is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that relies heavily on the support of Museum friends.

The Children's Museum of Denver is located at I-25 and 23rd Avenue (exit 211), in the Platte River Valley. For more details about the Museum and its programs and events, please visit www.mychildsmuseum.org.

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