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**BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES**

**2023 OBELISK AWARD CHAIRS AND HONORARY CHAIRS;**

**OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**

NORTH TEXAS—August 1, 2023 --The Business Council for the Arts (BCA) Board of Directors is proud to announce that Evan and Rachael Singer will co-chair BCA's Obelisk Awards and Luncheon at the new JW Marriott Dallas Arts District on November 9, 2023.

Evan is a member of the BCA Board of Directors and serves on the Arts & Real Estate Committee. Evan also serves on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Children's Theater and is a Partner and Dallas office pro bono coordinator at Jones Day. Rachael is an HR professional and serves as the Vice President of Compensation at Albertsons Companies. She also sits on the Board of Directors of Aspire, a non-profit organization in Dallas that provides educational programs to help students reach specific learning and career goals. Both Evan and Rachael have been involved in the BCA for over two decades and are committed to continuing their role of advocating for the connection between commerce and the arts.

"Rachael became involved with the BCA through the Leadership Arts Institute (LAI) (Class of 2003) and quickly introduced Evan to the benefits of LAI (Class of 2004)," says BCA Chief Executive Officer Stacie Wheelock Adams. "Through their dedication to our community, these two North Texas executives and volunteers are wonderful examples of leaders in North Texas and are ideal co-chairs for this year's Obelisk Awards."

Honorary Chairs for the 2023 Obelisk Awards are Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger. As owners and developers of NorthPark Center, Nancy and David seamlessly integrate art, culture, commerce, and community throughout the Center to create an iconic shopping experience unique in the world.

Nancy and David are dedicated to the advancement of many important causes, both locally and nationally, with a special focus on arts and arts education. Nancy is Founder's Chair of Business Council for the Arts, and serves on numerous boards,



including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Harvard Art Museums, Nasher Museum at Art at Duke University, Nasher Sculpture Center, and Princeton University Art Museum. David is the Chairman of the Board of the Nasher Sculpture Center and sits on the boards of Frost Bank, Harvard Art Museums, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, and Princeton University Art Museum.

### **About the Obelisk Awards**

The Obelisk Awards, presented by the BCA each year, recognizes for-profit and non-profit business and arts leaders and organizations for their invaluable contributions in supporting arts and culture in North Texas. Nominations for this year's honorees are due by Monday, September 11, 2023.

Nominations for the 2023 Obelisk Awards are now being accepted in various categories including Business Champion for the Arts, Visionary Nonprofit Arts Leader, Arts Education, Arts Partnerships, New Arts Initiatives, Distinguished Cultural Organization, and Outstanding Leadership Arts Alumnus, among others.

Nominations for the 2023 Obelisk Awards may be submitted online at [www.ntbca.org/nominate-obelisk](http://www.ntbca.org/nominate-obelisk). For questions, please contact BCA CEO Stacie Wheelock Adams at (972) 991-8300 extension 600 or email [stacie.adams@ntbca.org](mailto:stacie.adams@ntbca.org).

### **About Business Council for the Arts**

Business Council for the Arts (BCA), under the leadership of a diverse Board of Directors, led by Founder's Chair Nancy A. Nasher and Board Chair Joel Austin, is a non-profit organization representing more than 150 leading businesses and organizations in North Texas supporting the arts in the workplace, in education, and in the community.

As the premier organization for forging business-arts partnerships in North Texas, BCA supports important member programs that **enhance creative workforce development**, such as On My Own Time™, an annual arts competition offering businesses and their employees the opportunity to showcase their literary and visual arts talents; **enrich existing company programs**, such as Art at Work, where BCA pairs local artists with corporate offices to exhibit works of art in conjunction with diversity, equity and inclusion and/or wellness programming; and **elevate understanding of the role of art in business** through Arts & Health, and Arts & Real Estate, committee-led programs that bring together thought leaders and experts on the role of art in support of industry business objectives, among others.

In addition to providing arts-related services for member organizations, **BCA serves the North Texas arts community**. For more than three decades, BCA has provided a pipeline of arts advocates and perspective board members to the arts community



through its annual cohort of Leadership Arts Institute graduates. In addition, BCA works closely with arts institutions as well as local artists to continually innovate and serve, such as BCA's most-recent program, Art Boost Dallas, a half-day conference featuring experts in the art world providing business advice and guidance to practicing artists.

And finally, as the North Texas hub for economic impact data collection, **BCA supports the economy of the region.** In partnership with Americans for the Arts (AFTA), the BCA supports the region as a rich cultural center for business growth and cultural tourism initiatives. The most recent study, Arts & Economic Prosperity Study 6, is expected to be completed later this year, and marks the eleventh impact study by BCA over the past 25 years.

BCA was founded by Raymond D. Nasher in 1988 as an outgrowth of a 1987 Dallas Citizens Council initiative. Nasher, a Dallas real estate developer, leading philanthropist, and global art collector, along with other key business leaders and Citizens Council members, determined that Dallas and the adjacent region would have the best opportunity for becoming a prominent business city by ensuring parallel growth in the North Texas region's cultural community. For more information about Business Council for the Arts, or to join as a BCA member organization, visit [www.ntbca.org](http://www.ntbca.org).

### **About JW Marriott Dallas Arts District**

The first hotel under the JW Marriott flag in the city of Dallas, JW Marriott Dallas Arts District is located in the center of the Dallas Arts District, the largest contiguous arts district in the United States featuring multiple world-class museums, performance halls, and significant architecture. The hotel features three food and beverage outlets with over 20,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space and 267 guest rooms featuring mid-century modern design with elements inspired by the fine arts that surround the property on every side. Days may be spent enjoying the sunshine on the 11th floor midair pool, and evenings spent on short strolls to Arts District landmarks. For more information, call (214) 347-9499 or visit [jwmarriottdallasartsdistrict.com](http://jwmarriottdallasartsdistrict.com).

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#### Attachments:

BCA Logo

Photo of Evan Singer and Rachael Singer

Photo of Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger

#### Cutline:

Evan and Rachael Singer will Chair the 2023 Obelisk Awards to be held on Tuesday, November 9 at the new JW Marriott in the Dallas Arts District. Honorary Chairs include Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger.

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