



## **BAM announces Adam E. Max as Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

### **Max succeeds longtime BAM Chairman Alan H. Fishman**

**Oct 25, 2016/Brooklyn, NY**—Katy Clark, president of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), has announced the election of Adam E. Max as chairman of BAM's board of trustees, effective January, 2017. Max joined the board in 2003 and has served as vice chairman since 2008. A managing partner at private equity firm The Jordan Company, Max also serves on the board of St. Ann's Warehouse. Max succeeds Alan H. Fishman, who joined the board in 1987 and became its chair in 2002.

Fishman, the chairman of Ladder Capital Finance, provided leadership through key periods in BAM's recent history, including the expansion of BAM's campus to include a third venue, the BAM Fisher, as well as its current capital projects, the BAM Strong and BAM Karen. Fishman drove an increase in contributed income to BAM and he also served as a founding board member of the BAM Endowment Trust. His longstanding association with Brooklyn not-for-profit organizations includes roles as chairman of the Brooklyn Community Foundation and former chair of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation. Fishman has been integral to the development of the burgeoning Brooklyn Cultural District and is a trustee of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, an organization he co-founded.

"We have been so fortunate to have Alan Fishman as our chair during an exciting renaissance period for Brooklyn," said BAM President Katy Clark. His leadership, persistence, passion, guidance, and great generosity have been invaluable in a period of growth for BAM and for the borough, and we have become a stronger organization because of Alan's dedication. The vitality of Brooklyn owes much to his vision and great heart. I would also very much like to acknowledge Judith Fishman's great contributions to BAM and her essential roles in New York cultural organizations, as both former chair of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company and current trustee of the Mark Morris Dance Group."

"Adam Max's curiosity, energy, and great love for BAM have been an inspiration to all of us," added Clark. "Adam has been a devoted audience member at BAM for the past 30 years. He is a passionate participant in New York's cultural life. We're thrilled to have him step up to the chairman's position and guide us into the next phase of BAM's wonderful history."

Max was instrumental to BAM's growth as chair of the Next Stage Campaign. He chaired the search committee for BAM's current president, and stewarded that leadership transition.

"BAM is a leading arts institution in New York City but so much more," said Adam Max. "It's an economic engine for its community and an ambassador for Brooklyn and the world. The only hesitation I have in chairing this great organization is having to follow in Alan Fishman's footsteps."

Alan Fishman said, “Riding on the wings of great artistic and cultural leaders, Harvey Lichtenstein, Karen Hopkins, Joe Melillo, and now Katy Clark has been a true pleasure. BAM has made great progress in that time, and the future is unlimited. To have seen an array of great artists and performances over more than 30 years has been a rare privilege for Judy and me, one we will always cherish. I only hope Adam has as much fun as I have had.”

To acknowledge Alan Fishman’s many years of service to BAM, a gala dinner has been planned for April 4, 2017, followed by special performances in the Howard Gilman Opera House.

With Vice Chairman William I. Campbell retaining his current position, Max and Campbell will continue to build on the relationship and shared vision formed with Fishman over the past eight years of their joint leadership.

#### About the board of trustees leadership

Chairman **Adam Max** is a managing partner of The Jordan Company, a private equity firm that he joined in 1986, and a member of the firm’s Management and Investment committees. Max serves on the board of St. Ann’s Warehouse and was involved in the construction of its new theater. He has longstanding philanthropic commitments in the city in the areas of education, culture, and social services. While growing up in New York City, he attended public school, the Bank Street School for Children, and Collegiate School. He earned a BA with honors in English and History from Brown University. Max resides in New York with his wife, Diane Max, and their three children. Diane Max is the former chair of Planned Parenthood of New York City and serves on the board of Planned Parenthood Foundation of America. Adam and Diane Max are currently involved in the establishment of the new Center for Women’s History at the New-York Historical Society.

**William I. Campbell** has served as the BAM board’s Vice Chairman since 2002. Campbell joined the board in 1992; he also serves as Chairman of The Byrd Hoffman Watermill Foundation. He is president of Sanoch Management, a consulting and investment firm for financial companies, and was most recently Chairman of Chase Card Services at JPMorgan Chase & Co. Together with his wife and daughters, he established the Campbell Family Foundation. He and his wife, Christine Wächter-Campbell, serve as founding board members of the END Fund, a private philanthropic initiative dedicated to controlling and eliminating the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) that affect over 1.6 billion people annually. Since its founding in 2012, the END Fund has supported treatment to over 200 million people at risk of these disabling diseases across Africa, the Middle East, and India.

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