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MINNESOTA DANCE THEATRE ELECTS FIVE NEW TRUSTEES – JOSEF HOFMEISTER, PATRICK MOSHER, MARTIN SCHNEIDER, MIKE SEVILLA, AND THOMAS TINKHAM

The Board of Trustees of Minnesota Dance Theatre (MDT) has announced today that it has elected five new Trustees: Josef Hofmeister, Patrick Mosher, Martin Schneider, Mike Sevilla, and Thomas Tinkham. This class will serve a three-year term and was announced by Suzi Kim Scott, MDT Board Chair, this morning. Josef Hofmeister, Patrick Mosher, and Marty Schneider will serve as at-large Trustees; Mike Sevilla will serve as Finance Chair and Thomas Tinkham will serve as Audit Chair.

"We are pleased to welcome five dynamic individuals to our Board of Trustees. Each of these members brings a genuine love for dance, in addition to distinct skills and perspectives. Their expertise and reputation for strong governance will bring tremendous value to MDT. We are thrilled to work with them in their new capacity at Minnesota Dance Theatre," said MDT Governance Chair, Dr. David Perlman.

The combination of honoring 64 years of MDT while looking to its future has been carefully planned by Artistic Director, Lauren Post, and the MDT Board of Trustees. The Board will continue its strategic planning this spring with all 15 Trustees.

"We are extremely fortunate to have these business leaders join MDT in this critical role. Their collective wisdom and track record in leading will move MDT into a future with growing audiences, community involvement, and sustained revenue. Each Trustee was thoughtfully appointed to lead MDT into an expanded era of financial and operational growth," said Suzi Kim Scott, MDT Board Chair. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I sincerely welcome them in furthering our mission to provide the highest caliber of classical ballet training in Minnesota, and to further our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusivity in the field of dance."

MDT'S NEWEST TRUSTEES

Josef Hofmeister

Assistant Vice President, Bridgewater Bank

Josef Hofmeister is a commercial banker serving the emerging middle market in the Twin Cities. With a focus on Commercial & Industrial and SBA lending, he partners closely with local entrepreneurs to help position their businesses for long-term success. His experience spans across Sponsor Finance, SBA Lending, and Commercial Real Estate, enabling him to approach client needs with a broad perspective. In addition to his banking career, Josef is the co-founder of Syncris, a renewable power company established in 2018. Syncris manufactures self-synchronizing inverters which can be used in a wide array of electrical applications, often in rural environments. He continues to serve as an advisor to the company. He holds both an undergraduate degree and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas, where he studied Finance, Data Analytics, and Omnichannel Marketing.

Patrick Mosher

Founder, Wisdom 4 Humanity

Patrick Mosher is an author, speaker, and trusted advisor dedicated to helping individuals and organizations achieve purpose-driven success. With nearly three decades at Accenture, Patrick led over 80 projects across five continents, guiding Global 1000 executives through complex transformations, from post-merger integrations and global product launches to major technology implementations and leadership academies. Holding degrees in Chemical Engineering, Organizational Communication, and Human Resource Management, Patrick has also completed doctoral studies in Organizational Behavior. He has served as a five-time Purdue University Executive-in-Residence, and brings a lifelong passion for understanding human motivation and decision-making to his work. Beyond consulting, Patrick is a TEDx and international keynote speaker known for inspiring audiences worldwide, including a memorable address to 2,000 attendees at Brendon Burchard's High Performance Academy. He continues to explore the intersection of leadership, wisdom, and legacy through his annual Wisdom Council experiences conducted across three continents. He has also served on the board for the Business Intelligence & Analytics Center at Purdue University.

Marty Schneider

Senior Vice President Wealth Management, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley

Marty Schneider, Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley, brings over four decades of experience in the financial industry and has been a trusted member of the firm since 2003. As founder of The Schneider Group, Marty established a team dedicated to delivering exceptional client service through a structured, disciplined approach to wealth management. The Schneider Group's methodology centers on aligning investment strategies with each client's specific goals and risk tolerances. Marty's leadership extends well beyond the financial sector. He has served as a Board Member of The Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, President of the Wayzata Rotary Club, and Board Member of both the Long Lake Area and Wayzata Chambers of Commerce. Deeply committed to community engagement, he has also volunteered as a reading and ski instructor for people with disabilities, contributed to Habitat for Humanity projects, and served as Mayor of the City of Long Lake, Minnesota.

MDT'S NEWEST TRUSTEES

Mike Sevilla

Partner, Dorsey & Whitney

Mike Sevilla is a partner at Dorsey & Whitney and a skilled immigration attorney with extensive experience interpreting and applying complex regulations to develop effective strategies for his clients. Mike's broad expertise spans numerous visa classifications and nearly all aspects of permanent residence applications. This comprehensive background enables him to craft innovative solutions tailored to each client's needs while efficiently managing a high-volume practice. In an evolving regulatory environment, Mike is adept at navigating policy changes with precision and foresight to ensure clients remain compliant and well-prepared. In recent years, his work has increasingly focused on guiding clients through immigration enforcement matters, including developing internal compliance policies, overseeing I-9 audits, and advising organizations under review by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Mike's professional excellence has been recognized with multiple honors, including individually and for Dorsey & Whitney's Minneapolis Immigration Group by Chambers and Partners (2022–2025), named a Minnesota Super Lawyer Rising Star (2024–2025), and one of Minnesota Monthly's Top Lawyers in Immigration Law (2024). Mike earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and a Political Science degree from Azusa Pacific University.

Thomas Tinkham

Of Counsel, Dorsey & Whitney

Tom Tinkham currently serves as *Of Counsel* at Dorsey & Whitney and is the former Chair of the firm's 30-lawyer Commercial Litigation practice group. He previously served 15 years on the firm's Management Committee and as Minneapolis Office Head, and is widely recognized as one of Minnesota's leading business litigators, regularly listed in the best business lawyers by Chambers. His commitment to pro bono service and professionalism has been recognized with numerous honors, including designation as an MSBA North Star Lawyer for providing 50+ hours of pro bono service annually from 2012 to 2025, the Minnesota Supreme Court's Outstanding Pro Bono Service recognition (2019), the Hennepin County Bar Association Professionalism Award (2015), multiple distinguished service and leadership awards from the Volunteer Lawyers Network and Hennepin County Bar Association, and a Lifetime Pro Bono Award from Dorsey & Whitney. He is past President of both the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hennepin County Bar Association, and has served on the board of directors of Children's Theatre Company, Planned Parenthood, TPT, and Mitchell Hamline College of Law. Tom earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin.

Additional MDT Trustees

Isabella Boylston (American Ballet Theatre), Rod Brayman (Phoenix Beverages), Georgia Finnegan-Saulitis (Afton Press), Sonja Kostich (Houston Ballet), Magdalena Maury (formerly with The Mandelstam School), David Perlman (University of Minnesota), Lauren Post (MDT), Suzi Kim Scott (SKS Communications), Lisa Smith (formerly with Optum), and Dana Williams (Delta Air Lines).



ABOUT MDT

With a history spanning over half a century, Minnesota Dance Theatre is an acclaimed dance school based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since its debut in 1962, MDT has led the Twin Cities in performing, teaching, and celebrating the art of dance. Founded by Loyce Houlton, MDT ranks as one of the most enduring arts organizations and aspires to maintain the highest international artistic standards, while attracting audiences, dancers, and students from all cultural and economic backgrounds. Today, under the leadership Artistic Director, Lauren Post, MDT focuses on the whole student, and provides dance education that prioritizes both the short and long-term needs of each student.

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