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## **Patrick Murphy Named President of Webster Arts**

New Executive Committee in Place for 2017

**St. Louis - January 10, 2017**-<u>Webster Arts</u>' Board of Directors has elected Channel Nine's Patrick Murphy as board president for 2017-2018. This is Murphy's third year as a member of the board. Previously, Murphy served on the marketing committee.

Murphy is a well-known personality in the St. Louis area, having worked in St. Louis radio and television for 40 years. He has produced documentaries, music specials, art programs and weekly series for St. Louis Public Television, as well as serving as Channel Nine's on-air voice since 1981. Murphy has been the emcee for the St. Louis Speakers Series at Powell Hall for the past 20 years. A resident of Webster Groves, Murphy received his BA from Washington University in St. Louis, and his Master's from Webster University. A self-described fledgling watercolorist, Murphy is also a member of the Missouri Watercolor Society.

"I'm excited to be at the helm of such an amazing organization," said Murphy. "We have a very active and accomplished board, whose efforts and talents grew Webster Arts from local art fair, to a nationally recognized annual fine arts fair. We've also broadened our mission to create numerous free arts programs, as well as community and educational outreach," Murphy added. "I look forward to continuing to grow our programs and outreach, while keeping to our mission of making art accessible and affordable to all."

Other executive committee board members are K Wentzien, vice president; Katie Stocke, treasurer; Peter Love, secretary; and Kathie Cahoon, immediate past president. Webster Arts is governed by a board of 21 members. Webster Arts also has a full-time executive director, part-time public relations staff, and more than 250 active volunteers.

## **About Webster Arts**

<u>Webster Arts</u> is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Webster Groves, Missouri. Founded in 2003, Webster Arts bring art to life by providing opportunities for people of all ages to engage in and enjoy the arts through programs, partnerships, and collaborations. <u>www.webster-arts.org</u>