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**Governor Walker Appoints Randall and Richie  
to the Wisconsin Arts Board**

Governor Scott Walker has appointed Gerard Randall of Milwaukee and Lynn Richie of Land O Lakes to the Wisconsin Arts Board, the state agency which nurtures creativity, cultivates expression, promotes the arts, supports the arts in education, stimulates community and economic development and serves as a resource for people of every culture and heritage.

“We welcome Mr. Randall and Ms. Richie to the Arts Board,” said Kevin Miller, Arts Board Chairperson. “Their business skills and education and arts backgrounds will enrich the Arts Board’s policy discussions, especially those regarding the arts and creativity in education, Wisconsin’s creative industries and the global creative economy.”

The Wisconsin Arts Board is governed by a fifteen-member board appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms. Board members are Wisconsin citizens recognized for their accomplishments in the arts, humanities, business, education or public service. The board includes members from urban and rural areas across the state and from diverse racial, economic and cultural backgrounds. Board members set policy for the agency and approve funding recommendations made by the peer review panels. The members meet a minimum of four times per year, and all meetings are open to the public.

The Wisconsin Arts Board is uniquely positioned to champion the arts’ role in creativity, culture, community, and commerce. Since 1973, the Arts Board has supported artists and art organizations with funds from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on the Wisconsin Arts Board, please visit [artsboard.wisconsin.gov](http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov).

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Mr. Randall’s & Ms. Richie’s brief biographies are attached.

Links to photos may be found in each person’s bio.

## Brief Biographies

### **Gerard A. Randall, Jr.**

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Gerard A. Randall, Jr. is the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Education Partnership which aims to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in Milwaukee Public Schools; bring every student to grade level in reading, writing, math and science; improve access to higher education opportunities; and advocate for public education. Mr. Randall is also the Managing Partner of The Lazarus Group, which provides education and workforce development guidance, strategic planning and support.

Formerly, Mr. Randall served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Private Industry Council of Milwaukee County (PIC), a workforce development board. As CEO, he provided leadership and strategic direction as the PIC planned, administered and coordinated employment and training programs to meet Milwaukee's workforce development needs. Prior to leading the PIC, he served as Community Relations Counsel in the County Executive's Office since June 1995.

Mr. Randall moved to Milwaukee in 1971 to attend Marquette University. Before joining the County Executive's Office, he was a social studies teacher at Dominican High School and a teacher of exceptional education students in the Milwaukee Public School system. Gerard Randall was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the national educators' fraternity, and was twice a bronze recipient of Ameritech's Teacher Award.

Mr. Randall has long considered the Arts a primary interest. He has served on the boards for Milwaukee UPAF, WildSpace Dance Company, Ko Thi Dance Company and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. He believes that the Arts are integral to any vibrant and thriving community.

### **Lynn Richie**

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Founding member of Land O Lakes Arts/LOLA and the first Treasurer, Lynn has a diverse background. Lynn was one of the founding members of the Mercer WI Community Development Group and a member of the Iron County WI Development. She was the branch manager with Northern Highland State Bank until moving to Illinois where she was a small business owner. After moving back north she had a small business as a Personal Chef. Lynn often teaches culinary art classes at LOLA. Lynn was honored as Woman of the Year by the Kate Newcomb Business and Professional Women's Organization of Minocqua, WI. Besides being President of LOLA Lynn is also active with Arts UpNorth and on Town of Land O Lakes Public Art Committee. Lynn enjoys engaging in community development, the arts, reading, traveling, and, of course, cooking.