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**VSA's Board of Directors**

by Marjorie Neset

VSA's Board of Directors doesn't stand still for a minute...people move on to new life phases, others join the board to assist us through the next phase in our organizational life...and all contribute greatly to our clients, programs and plans. Orlie Sedillo, Board President, with his amazing network of family and friends in and out of Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Washington DC governmental circles, has been instrumental in ensuring that we have adequate spaces in which to serve our clients and the wherewithall to do so.

Board officers, Stephen Slusher, Janet Saiers and Katherine Rowe remain key members in this able team as do Becky duMond, Frank McCulloch, Rebecca Plutino, Richard Towne and Michelle Welby. New board members, joining us in recent months include Cynthia Huff (former VSA national staffer and Outreach Specialist at NM School for the Deaf), Dr. James Moy (Dean, College of Fine Arts/UNM), Kristine Maltrude (Public Health Consultant and Dance Choreographer/Programmer), Julian Spalding (Publisher), and Dr. Len Stitelman (Professor, School of Public Administration/UNM); they add a whole new dimension of enthusiasm and expertise.

Board members have increasingly taken on specific tasks such as Kristine, Stephen, Julian and Richard serving as expert advisors in the entrepreneurial planning

project; Orlie, Janet and Leonard planning a community "get-together" in conjunction with the sculpture dedication, Julian, Rebecca, Jim, Cynthia and others planning a major fall/winter fundraiser, Michelle being our guide as we approach a new era of professional fundraising, and Becky working tirelessly with the new and enhanced multi-sensory studio programs. Frank's always there for visual art/exhibit guidance, Kristine will dance with us into the new theatre and Jim will provide a vital link to the wonderful and already helpful Department of Theatre and Dance at UNM.

We miss board members who are pursuing new jobs and leisure activities; Bob Gutierrez and Anna Marie Ulibarri were wonderful assets to VSA as they will continue to be in their careers and as our friends. We miss Bill Johnson but wish him well (with some envy) as he travels around the world in well-deserved retirement. We certainly will miss Bill Evans as a board member, friend, advocate for dance, the arts in general and VSA/North Fourth apprentice artists both in and out of Buen Viaje Dance. We intend to see him next dancing into the N4<sup>th</sup> Theatre when it opens next year.

So.....thanks so much to all of you. Not least of all for the financial support you provide in addition to the other important work. You are such an instrumental part in making the work we do at the North Fourth Art Center and throughout New Mexico possible....and fun!

**Staff News and Newsmakers**

by Susanna Kearny

Dynamic People make great organizations and VSA's North Fourth staff is no exception. VSA Studio Arts Staff took center stage at the 2004 Bravos Awards dinner to accept the award for Excellence in Arts Education. Albuquerque Arts Alliance hosts the annual event to honor individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in the arts.

Sam Bautista and Tony Fragua were featured in the spring issue of the UNM Alumni newsletter. The article highlighted cultural and personal paths that influenced the artists' studies at UNM and led them to their work at VSA.

New Positions: Being dynamic means lot of change for both individuals and organizations, bringing new positions and new faces to VSA's North Fourth Art Center and new horizons to staff who have moved on. VSA welcomes Helga Gonzales in the new position of VSA Service Coordinator. Helga just completed her Masters of Social Work at New Mexico Highlands University. She says she is glad to be part of VSA and to be the Blue Starfish core group leader.

VSA is also fortunate to have Training Instructors Mariya del Real, who has been working at VSA for several months, and Teresa Barela. Teresa left in January to go to school and managed to work in a brief trip to England. Welcome back!

Internships: UNM Occupational Therapy Program graduate students Johanna Cuba and Sarah Picchiarini are completing their clinical internships at VSA's North Fourth Art Center, a UNM HSC fieldwork site since 1999. In a new educational collaboration, Jennifer Horn is interning at VSA as part of her studies in the Art Therapy Program at Southwestern College, located in Santa Fe.

Goodbye: Catherine James, VSA artist teacher for five years and the first Performing Arts Studio Director for VSA's North Fourth Art Center, has left New Mexico to take a position as Regional Coordinator for the New York City Self Advocacy Association. Cathy began VSA's literary and theatre programs and was the founding director of VSA's resident theatre company, Equilibrium. We miss Cathy and we wish her the best of luck in her new job on her old turf, NYC. Former artist teacher Suzy Buckrey went even farther afield when she and her husband moved to Shanghai, China. We hear Suzy loves her new place of residence and soon will be showing artist teacher Wendy Zollinger around the city when she pays Suzy a visit in the fall. Buen Viaje Dance Company Director Sarah Elizabeth Bennett is also leaving to consolidate her work in the dance community and will concentrate on teaching at Keshet Dance Company. Sarah says that she looks forward to choreographing more pieces for Buen Viaje and visiting her friends at VSA.

PHOTOS left to right, top to bottom: Marjorie Neset & Susanna Kearny; Laurence Wellborn, Barbara Goodmiller, Annie King, Greg Mains, Leonard Stitelman; Sam Bautista; Tamara Quade & Emily Reiter; Molly Kohl & Catherine James; Sarah Elizabeth Bennett; Anna Zollinger & Elijah; Jeanette & Orlie Sedillo; Christina Caraveo, Sam Bautista, Sue Hermes, Tony Fragua, Monica Mitchell.

