



UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

ANN ARBOR, MI (August 15, 2016) — New Board members for the University Musical Society were elected at the annual meeting of the UMS Board of Directors. The new members begin their appointments in September.

Four new Board members were elected to four-year terms: **Chris Conlin**, **Timothy R. Johnson, M.D.**, **Christina Kim**, and **Gail Ferguson Stout**. In addition, **Bill Shell** will serve as an ex-officio Board member in his role as Chair of the UMS Ambassadors.

BOARD MEMBER AND EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER BIOS

Chris Conlin is the president and owner of Conlin Travel, a second generation company founded in 1959 and located in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, and San Francisco. Having seen the industry go through significant change, Chris has transformed Conlin Travel into one of the largest Travel Management companies in the United States.

Chris is a native of Ann Arbor and serves the community in several capacities. He is chairman of the St. Joseph Hospital Community Development Board, past Chairman of the Washtenaw County Red Cross, past Secretary of the Greenhills School Board of Trustees, and a member of the Belmont University Parent Leadership Council, Butler University Leadership Organization, and the University of Michigan's Washtenaw County Leadership Committee. He also served as a Big Brother in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization

Chris is a graduate of Miami University, where he was a member of the Miami University Glee Club. He is a lifelong lover of the arts. His past support has included sponsoring UMS performances such as Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Chris is married to Dr. Dana Sachs, and together they have three children: Dylan, Lindsay and Tom.

Timothy R.B. Johnson, M.D. has been the Bates Professor of the Diseases of Women and Children and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan since 1993. He is also an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, awarded for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education; Professor of Women's Studies, and Research Professor in the Center for Human Growth and Development. His education and training have been at the University of Michigan, University of Virginia, and Johns Hopkins.

He is active in international teaching and training, especially in Ghana. The author of over 300 articles, chapters, and books, he has served on numerous editorial boards, study sections, professional committees, societies, and boards. Dr. Johnson has received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; the Distinguished Merit Award, the highest honor of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; and was appointed to membership in the Society of Scholars of the Johns Hopkins University. He is Past President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, receiving their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012, and Editor-Emeritus of the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics, having served as Editor from 2007 to 2014.

Doctor Johnson is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academy of Science. In 2016, he received the University of Michigan's Rudi Ansbacher Leadership Award for Support of Women in Healthcare at the University of Michigan's Leadership Summit for Women in Academic Medicine and Healthcare. He also received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor.

Christina Kim is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments. In that role she assists local families and businesses with retirement and legacy planning, as well as wealth management.

Christina has a long history of involvement with organizations that provide support and enrichment for youth, currently serving as Treasurer for the last year of her second term on the Board of the Neutral Zone of Ann Arbor. She is also a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club and assists in leading the Next Generation Philanthropists, a giving circle affiliated with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. Other volunteer efforts in the past have included reviewing grants for the Ann Arbor Public Schools Education Foundation and Coordinated Funding and serving as a community advisor for the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Youth Council.

Other than a short period of time spent in Missouri and Kentucky, Christina has lived in Ann Arbor from a young age and is deeply rooted in the community. She was educated in Ann Arbor Public Schools and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan. A classically trained pianist and violinist, she grew up taking lessons from the pedagogy program at the University of Michigan and attending Interlochen in the summers. She has fond memories of attending UMS events throughout the years with her family as well as through the UMS educational outreach programs.

She enjoys sharing musical experiences with her husband, Charles, and young daughter Olivia, who is quickly becoming an aficionado.

Gail Ferguson Stout lives in Ann Arbor with her husband John W. Stout, president of a software development and staffing corporation and a composer and arranger of works for bands and orchestras performed around the world. Gail is a writer and editor by training, with 30 years of experience as an arts administrator. She currently serves on the Board of the Great Lakes Performing Artist Associates, the Dexter Community Band, the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association, and is the current President of the Board of the Ann Arbor Civic Band. With John, Gail co-chairs the University of Michigan Marching Band Elbel Club Victors for Michigan Campaign, and sits on the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance Campaign Advisory Committee.

She recently completed two terms as a member of the UMS Ambassadors, chairing the organization during the 2012-13 season and serving on every committee, including heading up the Ford Honors Program Committee in 2015. Gail and John are thrilled to sponsor scholarships for School of Music,

Theatre & Dance students each year, and sponsor UMS events, concerts, and the Michigan Marching Band halftime show.

Gail has served in many capacities for several arts organizations including UMS, the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association, University of Michigan Elbel Club, the Ann Arbor Forsythe Music Department, the Ann Arbor Pioneer Band Association, the Dexter High School Band Alumni Association, the International Trumpet Guild, the Pioneer Orchestra Parents Society, the Albion College Department of Music, and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance. She is an active musician (trumpet) in the Ann Arbor Civic Band, Dexter Community Band, and the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Concert Band and Pep Band.

Bill Shell has almost 30 years of experience in Information Technology. He has a B.A. in Computer Science from Hope College and an M.B.A from the University of Michigan. Bill has spent most of his career in higher education but has also consulted with state and local government and K12. Bill is currently the Director of IT Business Operations for Eastern Michigan University, where he manages IT projects, coordinates IT policies and procedures, and serves as a liaison to the faculty.

Bill has been a member of the UMS Ambassadors for 5 years and is excited to now be the chair of this group of talented and energetic volunteers. A lifelong singer, Bill sings in the UMS Choral Union and recently joined the Masterworks Festival Chorus to perform Mozart's Requiem in Carnegie Hall under former UMS Choral Union conductor Jerry Blackstone.

Bill enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with his wife, Chris, and three children, Ryan, Susan, and Ben.

ABOUT UMS

One of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country, UMS (also known as the University Musical Society) contributes to a vibrant cultural community by connecting audiences with performing artists from around the world in uncommon and engaging experiences. An integral part of the Ann Arbor community, UMS is an independent non-profit organization affiliated with the University of Michigan, presenting over 70 music, theater, and dance performances by professional touring artists each season, along with over 100 free educational activities. UMS is part of the University of Michigan's "Victors for Michigan" campaign, reinforcing its commitment to bold artistic leadership, engaged learning through

the arts, and access and inclusiveness. UMS was awarded the 2014 National Medal of Arts by President Obama.

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