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FIRST NIGHT AUSTIN



Sharir + Bustamante Danceworks "Court Dance" Photo by Amitava Sarkar

On Saturday, December 31, 2005, Austinites came together in celebration embracing New Year's Eve in an entirely new way.

Over 100,000 people came to downtown Austin, eager, open-minded, and wide-eyed to take part in a culturally and artistically diverse array of the performing and visual arts set within the urban framework of our downtown streets, plazas



Totally Cool/Totally Art "Global Resolution" Photo by Dale Rempert

and parkland. From 2 pm to midnight, at over 25 different indoor and outdoor locations, punctuated by a Grand Procession down Congress Avenue, celebrants watched, listened, danced, sang, drummed, processed, drew, and more from



Creative Opportunity Orchestra "Circle of Light" Photo by Brian Birzer

9th and Congress to Auditorium Shores. Over 80 artists and arts groups presented work, much of it originally commissioned, site and time specific for the inaugural New Year's Eve Celebration known as First Night Austin 2006.

First Night Austin came into being in the late fall of 2004. Anne Elizabeth Wynn, President, and Ann Graham, Executive Director, teamed up to create a framework for the celebration with the generous support of the City of Austin and the Downtown Austin Alliance. They then turned to the Austin Community Foundation to serve as an "umbrella organization" providing non-profit status and organizational wisdom as

they awaited their own federal 501c(3) status from the IRS. Additional generous support from corporate sponsors, from Samsung Austin Semiconductor as presenting sponsor, to the Austin American-Statesman, Time Warner Cable, Wells Fargo, Freescale Semiconductor, H-E-B, Target, and Altria, along with generous pro-bono support from VOXGROUP, go9media, T. Stacy & Associates, TateAustin and Capital Metro made this inaugural event a reality.

First Night Austin was based on the concept of a public celebration of the arts on New Year's Eve dreamed up by civic minded artists in Boston in 1976. Their vision for how to unite a community through creative expression and participation is now shared in over 120 cities and towns across the United States, Canada, New Zealand and England. First Night Austin commissions and pays artists to develop works that challenge, delight, reflect and provide opportunities for the public to engage in common creativity. First Night invites everyone to play a role in this celebration as we look forward to building upon the resounding success of their first year.

For more information on First Night Austin visit www.firstnightaustin.org or call 512.476.5577



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Sylvia Acevedo

THE FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2006 OFFICERS:

S. Stephen Saunders, *President* Patty Huffines, *President-Elect* Milo Burdette, *Vice President*
Christopher Kennedy, *Treasurer* Jo Lynn Free, *Secretary*

THE FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

SYLVIA ACEVEDO

Sylvia Acevedo, a Stanford engineer turned CEO, has unleashed innovation with her current company CommuniCard™ LLC, where she is President and CEO. Now heading up her third company, Sylvia's ability to solve a workflow problem led to the creation of this entirely new communication system that builds speed and immediate results into cross-cultural communication.

Practical and immediate applications for CommuniCard's innovative solutions have expanded into Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Building and Risk Management. As a visionary and advisor to organizations who are open to innovative solutions in untapped and underserved markets, Acevedo has a long-standing record for unleashing innovation. She has received national, state and local recognition for her innovative and practical business solutions.

- "Business Woman of the Year" 2004, US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- "Small Business of the Year" 2005, Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- "Creative Business of the Year" 2005, BiG Austin
- "Texas Hispanic Business of the Year" 2005, Aguila Foundation
- "Mujer del Año 2005" (Woman of the Year,) Rumbo of Austin

Before starting her most recent business, Sylvia had a track record of success in creating high growth in both domestic and international markets for IBM, Dell, Apple and Autodesk. Her engineering degrees are from Stanford University (Master's) and New Mexico State (Bachelor's) where she graduated with Honors and served on the Board of Regents. Sylvia resides in Austin, TX where she sits on several non-profit boards and civic committees

ROSIE MENDOZA, CPA

Rosie Mendoza is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and received a Bachelors degree in Business Administration in Accounting. She is the managing shareholder for R. Mendoza & Company, P.C. Mendoza's expertise is in financial and governmental accounting. She is a Certified Public

Accountant in Texas and has over six years of experience as a comptroller of a major nonprofit entity and over fifteen years of public accounting experience, including experience with the national accounting firm of KPMG. In 21 years of service, Mendoza has provided audit and consulting services to a wide variety of clients including non-profit organizations, governmental entities and other commercial entities.

Mendoza's clientele has included companies such as the Austin Independent School District, Austin Community College District, Austin Travis County Mental Health, Mental Retardation Center, Austin Community College Foundation, Austin Area Urban League, Inc., City of Austin, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, New Milestones Foundation, YWCA of Austin, Austin DMO and the Austin Public Library Foundation. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Society of CPA's, and the Austin Charter of Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mendoza currently serves on the Board of Managers for the Travis County Hospital District and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized by the League of United Latin American Citizens as one of 15 outstanding Hispanic women in Austin for community participation and involvement, received the Community Service Award for Civic and Community Involvement by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, received the Girls Scouts – Lone Star Council 2005 Women of Distinction Award and received the Capital Area Democratic Women's 2005 Celebration of Champions Award.

Mendoza has been involved with the following organizations: Travis County Hospital District, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Austin Travis County MHMR, Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board (City appointment), United Way Capital Area, Austin Museum of Art, Any Baby Can, Junior League of Austin, YWCA, Fiesta de Independencia Foundation, Center for Battered Women, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, Leadership Texas.

Mendoza enjoys spending time with her family along with scrapbooking and gardening.



Rosie Mendoza, CPA



Marc Serif



Max Sherman

MARC SERIFF

Marc Seriff is a native Austinite. He earned a BA from the University of Texas at Austin and an MS in Computer Science from MIT. Seriff was one of the first dozen people at Telenet Communications, a pioneering company in the data communications industry. In 1985 he became the founding CTO of America Online. In 1996, he retired from AOL and, with his wife Carolyn, returned to Central Texas.

In the recent past, Seriff was actively involved in the creation of the Dell Jewish Community Center and served as a Trustee for the Long Center. He also served as the Board President of Austin Musical Theatre.

Seriff is active with the University of Texas at Austin, serving on the Commission of 125 and advisory councils for the College of Natural Sciences, Department of Computer Science and Longhorn Foundation. He is a co-founder and trustee of The Seriff Foundation, a management service organization for non-profits in the Highland Lakes. Seriff also serves on the board of the Highland Lakes Health Partnership, the Family Services Center and the Highland Lakes Legacy Fund.

MAX SHERMAN

Max Sherman has policy interests in practical politics, state government, policy development, and ethics in public affairs. He is Chair Emeritus in State and Local Government at the LBJ School (nonteaching).

Sherman was Dean of the LBJ School from July 1983 until September 1997. Prior to his appointment at the LBJ School, he was Special Counsel to the Governor of Texas. From 1971 to 1977 Sherman served in the Texas Senate, leaving in 1977 to become President of West Texas State University. He has a J.D. degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a B.A. in history from Baylor University.

Over the years, Sherman has held numerous national and state appointments to boards and committees studying such topics as higher education (management effectiveness and financing), intergovernmental relations, mental health and mental retardation, hazardous waste management, infrastructure needs and financing, and energy and conservation. Some of these boards and committees are: National Academy of Public Administration, Center for Public Policy Priorities, Leadership Austin, Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Humanities Texas.

Sherman has held leadership positions as: Vice President of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (2004 to present); President of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (1988-89); President of AARO (1998); National Committee on Innovations in State and Local Government for the Ford Foundation (1985-98); Commissioner with the Government Ethics Center of the Josephson Institute of Ethics (1989-1998); Chair of the Texas Board of Human Services (1994-1999); Founding President of the Foundation for Insurance Regulatory Studies in Texas (1991-present).

Sherman has been honored with awards for the following: Price Daniel Public Service Award (2005)–Baylor University; Public Administration Educator of the Year (2004)–Centex Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration; Texan of the Year (1999) – Texas Legislative Conference; Austinite of the Year (1997) – Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce; Distinguished Alumnus (1992) – Baylor University.

During his tenure as State Senator, Sherman was recognized by Texas Monthly in 1973, 1975, and 1977 as one of the ten best legislators; the magazine cited his integrity, intelligence, and "genuine sense of public service."

THE FOLLOWING MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2005 AND JANUARY 2006:

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MARLIN AND HELEN BOWNDS

Marlin and Helen Bownds met as Plan II freshman at UT in 1935 and married upon graduation in 1939. They spent most of their lives in Austin where they lived in the same house for over 50 years, until their move into Westminster Manor in 2000.

In December of 1996, Marlin and Helen Bownds established the Marlin and Helen Bownds Donor Advised Fund of the Austin Community Foundation. Throughout the years, Marlin and Helen Bownds made recommendations for distributions out of the fund and with the approval of the Austin Community Foundation Board of Governors, 165 grants were dispersed totaling more than \$68,000 in their lifetime.

Marlin Bownds died on February 23, 2003 at age 85. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years on July 2, 2002. The Bownds requested that upon their deaths, the donor advised fund become an unrestricted fund for the Austin Community Foundation to respond to grant requests. Because of the generosity and forward thinking of the Bownds, the Austin Community Foundation has additional resources to respond to the needs in our community. The Bownds' generosity will live forever.



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