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## **Friends of Hudson River Park Appoints New Members to the Board of Directors**

**New York, NY (April 9, 2012)** — The Friends of Hudson River Park (FoHRP) today announced the addition of six new members to its board of directors. They will steward FoHRP's efforts to secure private funding for the ongoing revitalization of Hudson River Park, one of the largest waterfront parks in the nation serving 17 million visitors a year.

Appointees include **Deborra-lee Jackman**, entertainment professional and philanthropist; **Scott Lawin**, managing director and chief operating officer, Moore Capital Management, LP; **Mitchell Rudin**, president and chief executive officer, U.S. commercial operations for Brookfield Properties; **Diana Taylor**, managing director, Wolfensohn Fund Management, LP, and chair, Hudson River Park Trust; **Alexandra Tosi**, executive director, Gilbert Tweed Associates; and **Paul Ullman**, principal, Asset Based Lending, LLC, and board member, Hudson River Park Trust.

“We are proud to add such a variety of strong non-profit, real estate and financial management experts to our already impressive board,” said A. J. Pietrantone, executive director, FoHRP. “As we sharpen our focus on the Park’s long-term financial stability, the ongoing support of our leadership team will be critical to ensuring future success and sustainability.”

“I am pleased to welcome this new group of professionals to our Board,” said FoHRP Board Chair Douglas Durst. “Their commitment to the Park combined with Friend’s legacy of advocacy will better position us to realize the ambitious fundraising goals in our partnership with the Hudson River Park Trust.”

“We’re thrilled to be working alongside these new members and the entire Board of the Friends to ensure the future growth of the Park,” said Madelyn Wils, president and CEO, Hudson River Park Trust. “Their active participation is a key component of completing the transformation of one of New York’s great open spaces.”

“I am excited to be joining the work of the Friends’ Board to grow the resource base of the Park,” said Diana Taylor, Chair of the Hudson River Park Trust. “A diverse and expanded Board is essential as we seek to cultivate a new generation of Park supporters.”

Jackman is an Australian actor, director and producer active in a number of philanthropic activities. In 2005, she co-founded The Rafiki Society in Vancouver with her husband, actor Hugh Jackman, to assist and provide support for orphanages in Africa. She is also the founder and patron of National Adoption Awareness Week in Australia, patron of the Lighthouse Foundation for displaced children in Melbourne, Australia, patron of the Bone Marrow Donor Institute for children with leukemia, and patron of International Adoption Families for Queensland.

Lawin oversees the portfolio management, risk management, and trading functions within Moore Capital Management, which was founded in 1989 and has grown to manage approximately \$15 billion. In addition to overseeing the 425-person staff, Lawin is a member of the senior management team, as well as committees with foci including capital allocation, execution, risk policy, and valuation. He also serves as a director of The FIVER Children’s Foundation and The Kitchen.

Prior to joining Brookfield Office Properties in June 2011, Rudin spent 21 years at CB Richard Ellis (CBRE), most recently as president and CEO of CBRE’s Tri-State region. Prior to that, he ran the U.S. brokerage operations for CBRE. In addition to participating in various non-profit activities, Rudin is a governor at the Urban Land Institute, sits on the executive committee of New York University’s Real Estate Institute, and is a board member of the Alliance for Downtown New York.

Taylor has a long history with Hudson River Park; she was first appointed to the Hudson River Park Trust by Governor George Pataki in 1999 and named as the Trust’s chair by Governor Eliot Spitzer in 2007. In late 2011, FoHRP welcomed her to its board of directors. She joined Wolfensohn Fund Management L.P., a strategic consulting and investment firm, in 2007, prior to which she served as New York State superintendent of banks and chairwoman of the New York State Banking Board. Taylor serves on the boards of Citigroup, Brookfield Properties and Sotheby’s and chairs the boards of ACCION International, New York Women’s Foundation and the YMCA of Greater New York.

Specializing in the infrastructure, transportation and government agency practice, Tosi began her career in executive search six years ago in New York. She has extensive experience working with some of the firm’s most prestigious clients in engineering and construction, architecture, planning & design, transit and transportation, infrastructure and municipal finance, and state and city government. Tosi is a member of the Junior Board of Advisors of Project Renewal, a non-profit based in New York City. She is also involved in fundraising efforts for the secondary school, Maru-A-Pula, in Botswana.

Ullman has had a successful 29-year career evaluating and managing portfolios of real estate backed loans and securities. From 1998-2009, he served as president and chief

investment officer of Highland Financial Holdings Group, a New York City-based hedge fund-style investment management firm. Founded by Ullman in 1998, Highland grew to more than \$2 billion in capital under management. Ullman was appointed to the Hudson River Park Trust by Governor Eliot Spitzer in 2007.

**About Friends of Hudson River Park**

Friends of Hudson River Park is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to ensure the completion, care and enhancement of Hudson River Park in partnership with the Hudson River Park Trust; and creates opportunities for public participation in the Park's operations and growth to guarantee its future for generations of New Yorkers, Americans and visitors from around the world. For more information on the organization, its programs, or to volunteer, please call 212-757-0981 or visit [www.fohrp.org](http://www.fohrp.org).

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