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## Wolf Trap Names Four New Members to National Advisory Council for the Arts and Environment

Vienna, VA—Today, Terrence D. Jones, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts President and CEO, announced four new members of Wolf Trap's National Advisory Council for the Arts and Environment. The new members will join the **Honorable Norman Mineta**, who is serving as Chairman of the Council, in guiding Wolf Trap's commitment to inspiring meaningful and enduring environmental practices throughout the Washington, DC and national performing arts communities. **The four new members are Bob Kerrey**, President of The New School in New York, NY; **Mike Love**, lead singer of the legendary Beach Boys and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer; **Tom Chapin**, Grammy Award-winning musician, entertainer, and songwriter; and **Deborah I. Dingell**, Vice Chair, GM Foundation and Executive Director, Public Affairs and Community Relations, General Motors Corporation. Additional National Council Members, including distinguished performers, corporate leaders, and environmental experts will continue to be selected throughout the year by Wolf Trap Foundation officials.

Since announcing the launch of Wolf Trap's national environmental initiatives, including the creation of the Council, at a National Press Club Luncheon in March, 2007, Wolf Trap President and CEO Terrence Jones has been working to assess Wolf Trap's environmental footprint; minimize the organization's overall impact; and positioning Wolf Trap as an environmental model and resource for arts presenters across the country.

**Recent progress** includes work with the National Park Service and the EPA to establish Wolf Trap's baseline through key measurements in the areas of greenhouse gases and carbon emissions. "We are working to become one of the nation's initial Climate Friendly National Parks and will soon begin implementing the interactive 'Do Your Part Program' where visitors to the Park can make a direct impact on our efforts," explains Jones. Wolf Trap is also partnering with Starbucks, General Motors, 94.7 "The Globe" FM, and The PNC Financial Services Group to help advance and disseminate the practice of sustainability. In addition, this summer, Wolf Trap is using biodegradable products to serve patrons at all concession stands and the Wolf Trap Foundation staff has formed an internal, environmental task force to develop new ideas and address immediate issues of concern.

**Wolf Trap, a national leader in the performing arts and arts-in-education**, has been inspired to take on these initiatives, because, as Mr. Jones states, "Since our earliest times, human creativity has been a result of the interdependence of the human condition and nature – and is expressed in what we call art. Although the arts most definitely derive from an instinctive and uniquely human impulse to create; our music, dance, visual art, poetry, architecture, and films all reflect our perception of the world we live in; and as such, our collective creativity serves as a gateway to understanding the essence of the natural world, and in turn, our understanding of one another."

For more information on "Going Green with Wolf Trap" and the relationship between art and nature, please visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

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