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Holekamp Family Foundation, The William R. Orthwein Jr. and Laura Rand Orthwein Foundation Each Gift \$2 Million to Muny Capital Improvements

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 12, 2018) – The Muny announced today that long-time Muny Partners Bill and Kerry Holekamp and The Orthwein Foundation have each pledged \$2 million towards The Muny's Second Century Capital Campaign. In recognition of these gifts, The Muny will name its costume shop for The Holekamp Family Foundation and the administrative board room for The Orthwein Foundation.

This fundraising effort will help fund major capital improvements, including a complete rebuild of the Muny stage, provide for the support, maintenance and upkeep of the aging 11.5-acre campus, and grow the theater's endowment.

Both foundations have an illustrious history in philanthropic support of The Muny. Bill Holekamp, a Muny board member since 2004, and his wife Kerry have been Muny Partners since 2005, and The Orthwein Foundation since 1959.

"Our children grew up going to The Muny – it is a part of our family tradition," said Bill and Kerry Holekamp. "With this gift, our family is humbled to help give the same opportunities for other generations to create wonderful memories all their own."

"The Muny holds a very special place in this community, not only as a cultural institution, but also as an institution that brings the community together and generates great pride for the region," said The Orthwein Foundation. "After an extremely successful first 100 years, it is all the more important that The Muny achieve even greater success in its Second Century."

"To receive these gifts from two foundations that represent these families is uniquely special," said Muny President and CEO Denny Reagan. "Their continued support not only recognizes how much The Muny means to these great families, but also their investment in making sure future generations can continue to enjoy this great tradition."

To give, or for more information regarding The Muny's Second Century Capital Campaign, please visit muny.org/secondcentury.

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The Muny's mission is to enrich lives by producing exceptional musical theatre, accessible to all, while continuing its remarkable tradition in Forest Park. As the nation's largest outdoor musical theatre, we produce seven world-class musicals each year and welcome over 400,000 theatregoers over our nine-week season. Now celebrating 101 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre.

For more information about The Muny, visit muny.org.