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# **STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY APPOINTS FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**Etta Rudolf Denk from Bank of America  
Robert DiLeo from NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co.  
John T. Harrison from Investors Bank  
Wanda Bryant Hope from Johnson & Johnson  
And Robin Suydam from Suydam Insurance Agency**

**New Brunswick, NJ (August 15, 2017)**—State Theatre New Jersey has appointed five new members to its Board of Trustees: **Etta Rudolf Denk, Senior Vice President, NJ Market Manager, Bank of America; Robert DiLeo, owner of NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co.; Wanda Bryant Hope, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer for Johnson & Johnson; John T. Harrison, Senior Vice President of Business Lending for Investors Bank; and Robin Suydam, Assured Partners, President of Suydam Insurance Operations.**

“These five outstanding individuals offer diverse experience and talents that will be invaluable to the State Theatre,” said **Scott Fergang, Chair of the State Theatre Board of Trustees.** “We are fortunate to have such high caliber leaders join our Board of Trustees.”

“Having a strong arts and culture platform in local communities helps economies thrive,” said **Etta Rudolph Denk, Senior Vice President, NJ Market Manager for Bank of America.** “It also enables individuals to connect with one other across cultures as well as educate and enrich societies. The State Theatre is an important anchor institution in the community and I’m looking forward to being an active member of the board.”

“It is an honor to be a new board member for the State Theatre New Jersey,” said **Wanda Bryant Hope, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer for Johnson & Johnson.** “The arts are a source of creativity, innovation, and diversity that helps to enrich our lives and bring communities together.”

“State Theatre is one of New Jersey’s leading arts institutions and I am honored to join its Board of Trustees,” said **Robert DiLeo, owner of NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co.**

“I am thrilled to have been nominated to join State Theatre New Jersey’s Board of Trustees and to contribute to the continued development of this growing organization,” said **John T. Harrison, Senior Vice President of Business Lending for Investors Bank.**

“I’m honored to return to State Theatre’s Board of Trustees and to be working with this outstanding team,” said **Robin Suydam, Assured Partners, President of Suydam Insurance Operations.**

### **Etta Rudolf Denk**

**Etta Rudolf Denk** joined Bank of America as the Market Manager in New Jersey in 2008. She is responsible for the alignment and delivery of Bank of America’s marketing and charitable resources to meet constituent and community needs across New Jersey. She leads the planning and execution of all local sponsorship, philanthropic, community and business development initiatives. Working closely with the New Jersey leadership team, she coordinates the bank’s market and branding strategy. Denk is also responsible for overseeing the Bank’s community development efforts, particularly services to New Jersey’s low-income communities, as well as volunteer and employee engagement initiatives. Denk has worked for over 25 years in the banking / insurance industry and was previously with JPMorgan Chase where she was responsible for corporate philanthropy, sponsorships, and community development activities.

As an active champion for meaningful change, Denk’s leadership and advocacy for public and private partnerships has positively impacted many New Jersey communities. Denk’s notable awards include the *Percy B. Menagh Award* from the American Institute of Banking; the *Distinguished Service Award* from New Jersey Community Capital; and the Center for Non-Profit Corporations *Chairperson’s Award*.

She received her Master’s in Public Administration at Rutgers University and her B.A. in Urban Studies from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. She is a resident of Maplewood, and is active in numerous organizations including The Council of New Jersey Grantmakers, the Center for Non-Profit Corporations, the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, and the Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey.

### **Robert DiLeo**

**Robert DiLeo** is the Principal and Business Director of NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co., a third-generation full service commercial real estate brokerage, property management and development firm in Piscataway, NJ. Located on the same property where it was founded in 1937 by Robert’s grandfather, NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co is celebrating 80 years in business this year.

DiLeo began his commercial real estate career while attending Rutgers University in 1984. Upon graduating in 1986 with a degree in Economics, he joined his father Victor, on a full-time basis in the family business.

DiLeo has been involved in all aspects of commercial real estate acquisition and disposition in New Jersey for over 33 years. Today, NAI DiLeo-Bram & Co. employs over 40 professionals in the firm.

DiLeo brings years of experience serving on other civic, industry, and charitable organizations in central New Jersey. He resides in Hillsborough, NJ with his wife Nadine and their six children.

### **John T. Harrison**

John T. Harrison is a Senior Vice President of Business Lending with Investors Bank, where he is responsible for growing the Bank's commercial deposits and business loan portfolios by leading the business lending teams in the Spring Lake Heights, Robbinsville, Mount Laurel, and Sewel, NJ offices.

Before joining Investors, Harrison held a series of senior executive positions at Santander Bank from September 2004 to February 2015. Additionally, he created a sales program to build strategic partnerships with NJ companies that have annual sales in the \$20 million to \$500 million range.

Harrison earned his Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in accounting from St. John's University. Harrison is currently on the Foundation Board and Investment Committee of Thomas Edison State University. Prior to that, he was on the Finance Committee for Notre Dame High School and Foundation Board of the American Red Cross in Princeton. Involved with his local community, Harrison has coached basketball programs in Monmouth and Ocean counties for 19 straight seasons. He resides with his family in Jackson, NJ.

### **Wanda Bryant Hope**

**Wanda Bryant Hope** is an accomplished business executive with significant experience in general management, marketing, sales, commercial operations, and human resources. Wanda is currently the Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer for Johnson & Johnson worldwide. In this role Hope is responsible for globally advancing J&J's diversity and inclusion (D&I) outcomes, strengthening D&I capabilities, improving reputation, and driving innovation and growth for future success.

Prior to her current role, Hope served as the Vice President of Global Performance & Development where she led the Johnson & Johnson enterprise world-class performance management and development approach.

Hope has received several awards including the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association's Rising Star Award and the YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry Award. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from The Pennsylvania State University. She and her husband, Bobby, are the proud parents of their 10-year-old son, Tyler.

### **Robin Suydam**

Born and raised on Suydam Farms in Somerset, NJ, **Robin Suydam** has been a Managing Partner for Suydam Insurance for 35 years. Suydam returns to the State Theatre Board of Trustees after serving as a member from 2009-2014. She was honored at the organization's 2015 Classical Season Celebration for her long-time dedication and advocacy for the presentation of classical music.

Suydam received her B.A. in French Linguistics from Bucknell University. Suydam is a Board member for Magyar Charitable Foundation, a member of the Development Committee for Rutgers University

Press, and an Advisory Board Member for Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Suydam lives with her husband Paul Corkery on Suydam Farms in Somerset.

*State Theatre New Jersey—creating extraordinary experiences through the power of live performance. The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, Middlesex County, and contributions from numerous corporations, foundations, and individuals. The Heldrich is the official hotel of State Theatre New Jersey. The Star-Ledger is the official newspaper of State Theatre New Jersey. United is the official airline of State Theatre New Jersey.*

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