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**DORIS DUKE**  
**CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

# **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees Elects Edward P. Henry as President**

**NEW YORK, September 16, 2008**—Following an extensive search process, the Trustees of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation today elected Edward P. Henry to serve as President and chief executive officer of the foundation effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Henry currently serves as the foundation's Chief Operating Officer and will succeed founding DDCF President Joan E. Spero, who announced in February her plans to step down at the end of 2008 after leading the DDCF and its operating foundations for 12 years. (A bio for Mr. Henry is provided on page 2.)

"The members of the Search Committee were glad to be able to recommend Ed Henry to the Board as our next President," said Nannerl O. Keohane, Chair of both the DDCF Board and its Search Committee of four Trustees. "He combines broad nonprofit experience and exceptional skills as a manager with innovative leadership. Ed understands the foundation well, and as COO he has already done much to improve its operations and expand our vision. It is a pleasure to welcome him to this expanded role."

The Search Committee worked with executive search firm Spencer Stuart, which recruited broadly from business, government, academia and the nonprofit sector to identify experienced candidates who have demonstrated leadership, passion and commitment in their careers. Mr. Henry emerged as the top candidate.

In addition to his knowledge of the foundation's strategies and operations, Mr. Henry will bring to his new role a deep understanding of the nonprofit sector that comes from more than 20 years of experience at major academic and cultural institutions in New York City. He also will bring a unique perspective on the arts from his first career as a modern dancer – a perspective that will complement the foundation's work as one of the largest national funders of the performing arts.

"I am honored to work with the Trustees and staff, who have just completed an extraordinary first decade of grant-making under Joan Spero's superb leadership," said Mr. Henry. "As we continue to work with outstanding organizations and individuals, the foundation will be responsive, effective and, like Doris Duke, adventurous. Our mission is to improve the quality of people's lives, and we will bring our commitment, experience and enthusiasm to that goal."

"I could not be more delighted with the Trustees' selection of Ed Henry as the new DDCF President. Having worked closely with Ed, I know that he will bring great knowledge, experience, wisdom, strong leadership qualities, and a listening ear to the foundation. With Ed's leadership, the foundation is poised to rise to a new level of philanthropic achievement," said Ms. Spero.

As the DDCF's founding president, Ms. Spero led the creation of the foundation and its grant programs, as well as the restoration and opening of Doris Duke's properties to the public. Today, the foundation is an established national grant-maker recognized for its strategic approach to philanthropy in the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child abuse prevention. The three properties it supports – Duke Farms in Hillsborough, New

Jersey; Shangri La in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Rough Point in Newport, Rhode Island – are open to the public and offer educational and cultural programs, tours and exhibits.

As DDCF's next president, Mr. Henry will lead the foundation into its second decade of grant-making, continuing to build and strengthen the foundation's work in its diverse areas of interest. Mr. Henry also will serve as President of several operating foundations supported by DDCF. This includes the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, which manages Shangri La in Honolulu – a center for learning about Islamic arts and cultures that houses an extensive collection of Islamic art – and runs the Building Bridges grants program with the goal of improving understanding between the U.S. and Muslim societies. It also includes the Duke Farms Foundation, which manages Duke Farms, a 2,700-acre property in New Jersey that will serve as a model of environmental stewardship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Henry has proven himself as an effective manager and leader of the foundation's finance, investment and administrative operations. He also has played an instrumental role in facilitating strategic planning efforts at Duke Farms and Shangri La, which yielded ambitious long-term plans for the properties and their continued evolution from private estates to public places with significant educational, environmental and social value.

### **Biography for Edward P. Henry**

Edward P. Henry joined the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation as Chief Financial & Administrative Officer in September 2005 and was promoted to Chief Operating Officer in February 2007. On January 1, 2009, he will assume his new position as President of the foundation. Previously he was an Associate Dean at Columbia Business School (2000-2005), where he continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member teaching "Nonprofit Leadership" in the management division of the school. He was the Associate Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Museum of the City of New York from 1990 to 2000 and a David Rockefeller Fellow with the Partnership for New York City. He has held senior administrative positions with the American Museum of the Moving Image, the New York Foundation for the Arts and the New York Council for the Humanities. He earned a degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and a graduate degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

From 1977 to 1985, Mr. Henry was a modern dancer with the New York City-based companies of Viola Farber and Dan Wagoner, served in the Artists-In-Schools program, completed numerous residencies throughout the U.S. and presented his own work at New York City's Danspace and Dance Theater Workshop. He has served as a panelist and evaluator for the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts, the New Jersey Council on the Arts, and the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Mr. Henry resides in New York City with his wife and two teenage daughters.

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*The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation ([www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org)) is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and child abuse prevention, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties.*