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**BETH MADISON ELECTED CHAIR OF THE  
HOUSTON GRAND OPERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Houston, TX - At its meeting on December 8, 2010, the **Houston Grand Opera Association Board of Directors** unanimously elected **Beth Madison** to succeed **Glen Rosenbaum** as its chair. Rosenbaum, whose term expires on July 31, 2011, has been Chairman since September, 2009.

“It has been an inspiration and a delight to get to know Beth over the last few years,” says HGO General Director and CEO **Anthony Freud**. “I am thrilled that the Board of Directors has elected her as its new chair to succeed Glen Rosenbaum next August, and I look forward, with eager anticipation, to working with her”.

Chair-elect Beth Madison is President of Madison Benefits Group, Inc., one of the largest independent brokerage firms in Texas, with 11 offices and more than 300 employees statewide. She has more than thirty years experience in the employee benefits industry.

A graduate of the University of Houston, Madison has been an active member of Houston's philanthropic community for many years, serving in various capacities with the Houston Symphony, the University of Houston - Moores School of Music Society, the University of Houston Alumni Organization, the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, Baylor College of Medicine Teen Clinic, and the World Affairs Council of Houston, which she served as past President and current Chairman. At Houston Grand Opera, she has served on the Board of Directors as Co -Chair of the HGO Studio Committee and Chair of the Finance Committee, as well as a member of the Special Events Committee. A member of the Founders Council and a Trustee, she has been a subscriber at HGO for over a decade.

Current chairman Glen Rosenbaum stated, “Having known Beth for 30 years and in recent years having worked with her on the HGO board, I am certain that her extraordinary capabilities will guide the company to new heights.”

Beth Madison noted, “Our community is fortunate to have this treasure of Houston Grand Opera. Anthony Freud and Patrick Summers deftly inspire and guide the company's artistic achievements to much deserved world acclaim. I am excited to support their passionate reach to embrace a broad audience and to serve the board which has fostered this success.”

Ms. Madison's term as Chair of the Houston Grand Opera Association Board of Directors will commence on August 1, 2011.

Since its inception in 1955, Houston Grand Opera has grown from a small regional organization into an internationally renowned opera company. The company has a reputation for commissioning and producing new works, including 41 world premieres and six American premieres since 1973. In addition to producing and performing world-class opera, HGO contributes to the cultural enrichment of Houston and the nation through a diverse, innovative and balanced program of performances, events, community and education projects that reaches the widest possible public. HGO has toured extensively, including trips to Europe and Asia, and it is the only opera company to have won a Tony, two Grammy awards, and two Emmy awards. HGO's performances are broadcast nationally on the WFMT Radio Network.

