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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WICHITA FESTIVALS, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS**

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WICHITA, Kansas – Wichita Festivals, Inc., (WFI) a non-profit corporation with the purpose of community celebration, announced today its newest members of the Board of Directors: Kay Monk-Morgan and Reuben Eckels.

“We are pleased to have Kay and Reuben join our board, to share their expertise and experience as we continue to improve Riverfest and create other new signature events for our community,” Janet Wright, President/CEO of WFI, said.

Monk-Morgan and Eckels might be new to the WFI Board, but have been a part of the Wichita community for years. Monk-Morgan is currently serving as the director of Upward Bound Math and Science at Wichita State University, while Eckels is a pastor at New Day Christian Church and head of the Wichita Ministerial League.

New officers for 2009-10 are Tim Richards, Chair; Clay Bastian, Fidelity Financial Corporation - Chair Elect; Richard Honeyman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Other members of the Board of Directors include:

Lucy Burtnett  
Bill Gardner  
Gary Gibbs  
Patrick Goebel  
Todd Johnson  
Chris McElgunn  
John Philbrick  
Peter Salmeron  
Shari Solomon

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Wichita Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with the purpose of creating diverse community celebration within the Wichita community. The primary event produced by Wichita Festivals, Inc. is Riverfest.

Creating an economic impact of approximately \$26 million, Riverfest annually attracts more than 350,000 visitors. The Festival has become one of the top special events in Kansas and was recognized in 2006 as one of the top 100 events in the United States by the American Bus Association.

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