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### **Whitney and Jon Stauffer, and Otto and Ellen Duecker to Lead the 2025 ARTrageous Gala**

**Tulsa, OK—** The Foundation for Tulsa Schools is thrilled to announce Whitney and Jon Stauffer as the 2025 ARTrageous Gala Chairs, with Otto and Ellen Duecker serving as Honorary Chairs. The event takes place on April 19, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency downtown.

These remarkable individuals, known for their unwavering support of public education and the arts, will spearhead this premier event, uniting the Tulsa community in celebration and support of Tulsa Public Schools.

#### **Whitney and Jon Stauffer: Gala Chairs**

“Public education shaped who we are, and we’re honored to support Tulsa Public Schools through ARTrageous,” said the Stauffers.

Whitney Stauffer, a partner at Narrate Design, brings nearly 20 years of experience in business development, nonprofit management, and corporate communications. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Whitney has demonstrated her commitment to Tulsa through leadership roles on boards including the Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Tulsa, and The Foundation for Tulsa Schools.

Jon Stauffer, founder of Good Grain Construction, launched his business after a 15-year career in supply chain management. He is a University of Oklahoma graduate with a degree in Business Administration. Jon’s dedication to education is reflected in his active roles at Council Oak Elementary and Edison Preparatory School, where he and Whitney lead numerous fundraising and volunteer initiatives, including the successful *COEchella* event and *Lights On Edison*.

#### **Otto and Ellen Duecker: Honorary Chairs**

Otto Duecker, a renowned Hyperrealist painter and Tulsa native, has earned international acclaim for his lifelike works featuring historical and contemporary figures. Otto’s artistry, characterized by intricate trompe l’oeil techniques, is celebrated in galleries and collections worldwide. A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Otto’s career spans over four decades, blending his creative mastery with a deep connection to his Tulsa roots.

Ellen Duecker’s 29-year career with Tulsa Public Schools underscores her commitment to public education. Serving as Director of Bond Development Task Force, Director of Instructional Media and Library Services, and Senior Bond Project Manager, Ellen has been instrumental in advancing infrastructure and educational initiatives across the district. Her work has left an indelible mark on Tulsa’s students and educators.



“Ellen’s dedication to education and Otto’s creative contributions embody the heart of ARTrageous,” said Moises Echeverria, President & CEO of the Foundation, “Their leadership as Honorary Chairs ensures this year’s event will be unforgettable.”

### **About the 2025 ARTrageous Gala**

The ARTrageous Gala will take place on April 19, 2025. The evening will feature live performances, student artwork, and community celebration, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation for Tulsa Schools. Funds raised will provide critical resources to support innovative programs, enhance classrooms, and create opportunities for students to succeed.

For sponsorship opportunities, tickets, or event details, please visit [www.foundationfortulaschools.org/artrageous](http://www.foundationfortulaschools.org/artrageous).

### **About The Foundation for Tulsa Schools**

The Foundation has the singular mission of building a stronger community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools. Founded in 2001, the Foundation operates independently as a trusted partner of Tulsa Public Schools. The Foundation’s work is guided by three fundamental pillars: Encouraging and Engaging Students, Inspiring and Supporting Educators, Supporting Schools and the District. You can learn more about the impact of the Foundation in the [2023 – 2024 Impact Report](#).

For more information on how you can support Tulsa Public Schools visit: [www.foundationfortulaschools.org](http://www.foundationfortulaschools.org)