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Cathy Marks Weinroth to Succeed David O. Beim as Third Chair of the Board of Wave Hill

*Election Comes as Board and Senior Management Complete Period of
Strategic Planning and Growth*

Bronx, NY (December 7, 2006) — The Board of Directors of Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx, is pleased to announce that at its annual meeting on December 7, 2006, Cathy Marks Weinroth was elected Chair of the Board, effective immediately. She joined the Board in 1995, and has served as a member of both the Executive and Strategic Planning Committees.

Often called the most beautiful place in New York City, Wave Hill has enjoyed strong and stable leadership. Ms. Weinroth becomes only the third Chair since Wave Hill was established in 1965. The founding Chair was the late Gilbert Kerlin, for whom a new Kerlin Overlook was dedicated at Wave Hill this past fall. After a tenure of 25 years, he was succeeded by David O. Beim, a former investment banker and Professor of Professional Practice at the Columbia Business School, who now steps down after 17 years as Chair.

During Mr. Beim's tenure, Wave Hill has greatly expanded its visitor amenities and cultural programs, grown the education offerings for Bronx students and made capital improvements that have dramatically increased access to Wave Hill. The most recent of these was the construction of the Perkins Visitor Center. During that time it also created an endowment that currently stands at \$20 million. "The last year or two have been particularly busy for the Board," commented Mr. Beim. "It has been very gratifying for Executive Director Kate French and me to be part of the recent strategic planning process that began soon after the 40th anniversary of Wave Hill in 2005."

During the planning process, Mr. Beim announced his desire to step down as Chair. "With our house in good order," he explained, "it feels like the perfect time to hand the reins to someone who I know will bring great commitment and vibrant energy to leadership of the board."

Ms. Weinroth, a corporate attorney, specialized in mergers and acquisitions and securities law at Weil, Gotshal & Manges until 1994. In addition to board

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membership at Wave Hill, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of Riverdale Neighborhood House, a settlement house serving the Northwest Bronx, since 1994. She served as Vice President of that Board from 1998 until 2003, and then its President from 2003 until 2006. She is also the co-founder of the Riverdale Community Supported Agriculture Group, which provides locally grown produce to member families and helps support farming in the Northeast.

“I am deeply honored to have been offered the opportunity to serve as Chair,” commented Ms. Weinroth. “With two such distinguished leaders to follow, I feel both challenged and inspired as I take on this new level of commitment to Wave Hill, a place for which I have an abiding love. I know I share my affection for this wonderful garden with many others who are as enthusiastic about it as I am, and I intend to work with the Board, with Kate and senior management to ensure that horticulture, education and the arts at Wave Hill continue to thrive for all of us to enjoy for many, many years to come.”

A 28-acre former private estate, Wave Hill was given to New York City by the Perkins-Freeman family in 1960. It is one of 34 nonprofit cultural institutions that are members of the New York City Cultural Institutions Group, or CIG. Like its fellow CIGs, The New York Botanical Garden and the Bronx Zoo among others, Wave Hill is housed in facilities owned by the City of New York, and operated by an independent Board of Directors through long-term contractual agreements with the City.

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