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LMCC PRESIDENT MAGGIE BOEPPLE TO STEP DOWN

New York, NY, February 10, 2010 – **Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC)** President Maggie Boepple, who led the organization on some of its most impressive public projects in recent history, has resigned as President. She will continue to be available to the Acting President during the transition period. Diego Segalini, LMCC Vice President, has been named Acting President during the transition, and the LMCC Board has formed a search committee and plans to have a successor in place by late Spring.

"It has been both a privilege and great fun to lead this vital institution in its effort to not only provide opportunities to artists and arts groups of all disciplines, but to engage the public with art in unexpected new ways," said Ms. Boepple. As President, she helped increase the visibility of the downtown arts agency with large-scale projects like *LentSpace*, which transformed an entire city block on Canal Street into a platform for contemporary art and performance, and *LMCC's Governors Island Studios*, which will establish LMCC as a key player in the redevelopment of the island over the next several years, and will buttress LMCC's long-established role as facilitator of temporary space for artists studios and residencies. She also started the well-regarded poetry series *Poems & Pints*.

LMCC Board Chair Cherrie Nanninga said, "The Board of Directors accepts Maggie's resignation with regret and thanks her for her outstanding stewardship of the

organization during the most difficult economic time the organization has faced since 9/11. We will miss her and are grateful that she will be able to help in an advisory capacity as we search for a new leader.”

Prior to joining LMCC, Ms. Boepple was Senior Advisor to London's Commissioner of Transport leading the efforts in the transfer of the London Underground to the London government. In New York, she served as New York City's chief lobbyist within the Koch administration, the first woman to hold such a position, and subsequently became the Director of Intergovernmental Relations where she represented the City's interests with Federal, State, and local government entities. Her years in public service include work with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority as Director of Government Relations and with the City University of New York as Vice Chancellor of University Relations, and for fifteen years she headed her own lobbying firm Maggie Boepple Associates Ltd.

The LMCC Board is committed to conducting an orderly leadership transition and is grateful to Ms. Boepple for her contributions to the succession plan. A Board Search Committee has been formed and will proceed with the search expeditiously. Mr. Segalini, who has been with LMCC since 2007, will serve as Acting President until the position is filled. A native New Yorker, he was formerly Managing Director of 3-Legged Dog Media and Theater Group where he played a pivotal role in fundraising, financial planning, and project management to establish a new Art & Technology Center in Lower Manhattan. Most recently he worked for Nonprofit Finance Fund where he was an Advisory Services Associate responsible for performing financial and organizational analyses for nonprofit arts organizations across the country.

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