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Theatre Leaders appointed to the Administrative Board of the Institute of Outdoor Drama

Greenville, N.C. – The Institute of Outdoor Drama has selected Marine Hunley-Graham, Mike Graham, and Jackie Mills as new members of the Administrative Board. These three additions, along with the existing members of the board, will be tasked with advising the Director on achieving the goals of the Institute, as well as meeting periodically to discuss important happenings in the Institute. Each of the new members is highly qualified and brings extensive experience to the Board.

Marina Hunley-Graham is the current Artistic Director of *Unto These Hills* in Cherokee, North Carolina. Born in West Virginia, Hunley-Graham graduated from Marshall University, beginning her career as an actor. Before accepting her position at *Unto These Hills*, she spent sixteen years as the Artistic Director of Theatre West Virginia. In addition, she has founded three acting schools and has served theatres in multiple facets, from directing to acting.

Mike Graham is producer/director of Power & Light Productions which produces two shows, *The Story of Jesus* and *The Story of Noah* in Wauchula, Florida. *The Story of Jesus* premiered in 1990 and has grown in popularity and production values since its early beginnings. In addition to his producing/directing duties, Graham has also portrayed Jesus for the last 23 years as well as writing the scripts for both productions.

Jackie Mills, born in San Antonio, has worked in outdoor drama for decades, and received numerous accolades for her work. Her famous outdoor drama, *Salado Legends*, has been performed for twenty years in Salado, Texas, and was inducted into the Library of Congress in 2000. A committed community leader, she has served on several boards, and *Salado Legends* has offered over \$100,000 in scholarship money for students in the show. Last year, she was honored with the Mark R. Sumner Award, given out annually to people who have made a tremendous impact on outdoor drama.

The Institute of Outdoor Drama was founded in 1963 and is located at East Carolina University in the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Since its inception, the Institute's scope has grown to include a wide variety of theatrical organizations around the world that perform in outdoor settings including Shakespeare festivals, historical dramas, religious dramas, renaissance festivals, dramatic and musical theatre. These organizations are united by their dedication to producing outstanding theatre in outdoor settings and their unique roles in providing exceptional entertainment and tourism attractions for their region.

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