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## **STOLL KEENON OGDEN AND FUND FOR THE ARTS PRESENT THE FIRST ANNUAL JAMES WELCH, SR. LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (September 10, 2010)** - The first annual James Welch Sr. Leadership Award was presented on Friday, September 3 to Thomas T. Noland, Jr., at the Opening Night of the Louisville Orchestra. The award, presented by Fund for the Arts and Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, recognizes an outstanding volunteer for their sustained commitment and substantial impact on the Arts.

The late James S. Welch, Sr. was one of the founding partners of Ogden Newell & Welch, now Stoll Keenon Ogden. Fund for the Arts and Stoll Keenon Ogden created the award in honor of Mr. Welch's engaged leadership both in and out of the courtroom, and his enjoyment and respect for all aspects of the arts, particularly the opera. He was an active board member on many of Louisville's arts, business and civic boards, serving on the board for the Kentucky Opera for more than 36 years. "The arts in Louisville were such a major part of Jim's life. Our family is very moved that an award has been created in his honor," said his wife, Jane Welch.

"With a deep passion for the arts, James Welch maintained the stature of our law firm over the decades through his commitment to legal excellence and his extensive civic involvement. His mission was to bring new cultural opportunities to under-served areas through Fund for the Arts, and he did so over his career through leadership that always placed service over recognition," said Kendrick Riggs of Stoll Keenon Ogden, who serves as the vice chair of the Board of Directors.

Fund for the Arts President and CEO Allan Cowen added: "We selected Tom Noland as the first annual recipient of this award for the same selfless, intellectually superior, enlightened leadership that Jim Welch, Sr. provided to our Arts as a volunteer in his lifetime. Tom demonstrates the very best characteristics of volunteer leadership in the 'Welch' tradition."

*The Fund for the Arts is the oldest united arts fund in the country, allocating funds to 27 member groups and programs, including grants to more than 200 community organizations and schools across the region. For more information, visit [www.fundforthearts.com](http://www.fundforthearts.com).*

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Allan Cowen and Kendrick Riggs presenting the James Welch, Sr. Leadership Award to Thomas T. Noland, Jr.