

**Mary Ladish Selander** is the Chief Development Officer for Lyric Opera of Chicago and has served in that position since 1999. She served as Director of the Annual Campaign from 1995-1999. Under her leadership, the annual fundraising goal has increased from \$11.5 million to \$31.4 million annually. She managed and implemented the Look to the Future Campaign in 2004, the \$35 million Campaign for Excellence in 2006 and the \$109 million Breaking New Ground Campaign 2011-2017. Mary is the liaison to Lyric's prestigious Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Production Sponsorship Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee. She has served under three Lyric Opera general directors: the late Ardis Krainik, Bill Mason and Anthony Freud. She is a member of the Lyric Senior Management Team.

Prior to her tenure at Lyric Opera, Mary was director of marketing for the City of Milwaukee; marketing director for the Greater Milwaukee Committee; executive director of the Milwaukee Ballet, co-managing director of the Milwaukee/Pennsylvania Ballet; and assistant director of the Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University.

Mary served on the Board of Trustees of Marquette University from 2000-2012 and is currently Trustee Emeritus. Mary served as a trustee of the Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee Forum, and the Milwaukee Public Library. She served as a director of the Board of Visitors – University Wisconsin Milwaukee, Professional Dimensions, and the UW Milwaukee Foundation. Mary served as a member of the Wisconsin State Governor's Tourism Task Force and a member of the (Milwaukee) Mayor's Task Force on the Arts. She is the recipient of the Citation of Merit from the Wisconsin State Senate, and was elected a permanent member of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Ballet *causa emeriti*.

She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Mary was an accomplished equestrian show-jumping champion for over 16 years. Mary is married to Larry Selander, attorney with the law firm of Duane Morris, LLC.