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**MAJESTIC EXECUTIVE ELECTED
TO NATIONAL HISTORIC THEATRE BOARD**

GETTYSBURG, PA (July 30, 2011) – Jeffrey Gabel, Founding Executive Director of the Majestic Theater, has been elected to serve a three year term on the board of directors of The League of Historic American Theatres which begins in January 2011. The election took place on July 16th at the League’s 34th annual conference and theatre tour in San Antonio, TX.

“It is a real honor to serve on this prestigious national board,” said Jeffrey Gabel. “During my career, I’ve had countless colleagues who have mentored me by sharing their knowledge and experience. Service on the LHAT board will give me a broader opportunity to give back and pass on what I’ve learned.” Before joining the administration of Gettysburg College in 2003, Gabel enjoyed a diverse career in not-for-profit management including public television, children’s advocacy, and foundation grant-making, as well as a performer who appeared on the PBS television series “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

“Jeffrey was instrumental in building the successful partnership which enabled the Adams County community and Gettysburg College to transform the dilapidated Majestic Theater into a vibrant performing arts center and downtown economic engine,” said Fran Holden, Executive Director of the League of Historic American Theatres with headquarters in Baltimore, MD. “We believe it’s a national model that can benefit many communities, and we plan to share the nuts and bolts of how to do it at an educational forum at the theater November 6 – 8, 2011.” The League of Historic American Theatres, a non-profit association dedicated to sustaining America’s historic theatres for the benefit of their communities and future generations, and is a growing network of more than 300 historic theatres across the

U.S. and Canada. Founded in 1976, the League helps members save and sustain historic theatres through educational programs, publications, technologies and specialized services.

The Majestic Theater is a 1925 Colonial Revival vaudeville and silent movie theater that was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Following a \$16.5 million renovation in 2005, the LeVan Center now features the 815 seat Majestic Theater, two cinemas, an art gallery, and a rehearsal hall, as well as a 20,000 square foot, state of the art backstage production facility. The LeVan Center is open 360 days annually, presenting a diverse celebrity series of touring shows, a nightly double-bill of first-release independent films, and more than 40 college and community performances. The LeVan Center is owned by Gettysburg College, a highly selective, 4 year institution founded in 1832 which today is consistently ranked among the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the United States.

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