IRIS STRAUSS BECOMES LIFE DIRECTOR AT S.D. OPERA

Iris Strauss, former president of the San Diego Opera, has been named a life director of the company. It marks only the fourth life director honor the company has bestowed in its 45 years. Iris is the second woman to be named, after Esther J. Burnham, the only other living life director of the opera. "Iris Strauss joins a very special group of devoted supporters who have given their time and energy as well as significant financial support to San Diego Opera over many years," says Ian Campbell, general and artistic director of the company.

"Indefatigable, Iris has been always been a positive and optimistic force who has driven campaigns, galas, receptions and supported productions with extraordinary gifts. Strauss has been a member of the San Diego Opera board since 1990 and served as president from 2002-2005 and chairman in 2009."