

Biography

Justine A. Skestos

Tina Skestos has spent nearly the past twenty years in Central Ohio as an entrepreneur and a leader in the arts community.

As Founder and CEO of Ms. Energy of Central Ohio, Inc and The Stair & Door Company, Ms. Skestos has built two independent businesses: one which manufactures pre-hung exterior doors and pre stairs, and a second which installs insulation in new construction residential housing.

While her profession is in business, her passion is for the arts. A longtime advocate, activist and leader for a wide of arts causes and organizations, Ms. Skestos has built a reputation and has earned great respect amongst her peers and community leaders through her commitment and tireless efforts.

Her involvement in the arts is centered around her belief that the arts are only as strong as their reach is wide, particularly to students of all ages. As a student at Ohio University, where she received both her bachelors and masters degrees, her undergraduate studies focused on teaching, and her graduate studies focused on business administration. Since then, she has personally invested her time and other resources into the development and fundraising efforts of each organization, with the larger purpose of contributing toward the advancement of the arts among youth.

Ms. Skestos has served on the boards of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, BalletMet, and Marbun Academy as well as a volunteer for the Columbus Museum of Art, Center Of Science and Industry (COSI), and Franklin Park Conservatory. However, it is her direct involvement with these organizations' initiatives that best demonstrates her dedication toward their overall success:

- Steering Committee Member, Columbus Symphony Orchestra 2001 50th Anniversary Gala - at Carnegie Hall (raised \$1 £6 million)
- Co Columbus Symphony Orchestra 2000 Gala with Charlotte Church (raised \$933,000)
- Co Columbus Symphony Orchestra 1999 Gala with Luciano Pavarotti (raised \$1,219,000)
- Co Columbus Symphony Orchestra 1998 Gala with Jose Carreras (raised \$500,000)
- Steering Committee Member, Columbus Symphony Orchestra Music Educator Awards Committee
- Steering Committee Member, Ballet Met Nutcracker Ball
- Board Member and Education Committee Member, Marbun Academy (1990 - 1995)
- Steering Committee Member, 20th Anniversary Celebration, Marbun Academy (present)
- Steering Committee Member, Columbus Museum of Art Annual Ball

- Capital Campaign Committee Member, Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
- Women's Board Member, Franklin Park Conservatory
- Steering Committee Member, Franklin Park Conservatory Gardeners Fair
- Steering Committee Member, Franklin Park Conservatory 1 Chapeaux dans le Jardin
- Steering Committee Member, The Ohio State University Historic Gown & Textiles Department

In addition to her passion for the arts, Mrs. Skestos has committed time and energy to the following additional public service boards and community initiatives;

- Governor Geo. V Voinovich Appointee, Governors Residence Advisory Commission (1997 - 1998)
- Governor Geo. V. Voinovich Appointee, Ohio Racing Commission (1995-1999)
- Dean Advisory Council Member, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine (1997-2000)
- Dean's Subcommittee for the renovation of the OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital Lobby
- Steering Committee Member, The Ohio State University, The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute annual benefit, 1994 - present (raised nearly \$2 million)
- Children Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer
- Delegate, Republican National Convention (1992 and 1996)