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Queens Theatre Elects Linda DeSabato to Board of Directors

Queens, N.Y. – April 24, 2012 – Queens Theatre, a premiere performing arts venue located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, today announced that it has elected Linda DeSabato, President of Vallo Transportation Ltd. to their esteemed Board of Directors. Ms. DeSabato is the owner of an independent school bus company in Whitestone and has been a resident of Queens for over four decades.

Ms. DeSabato represents an important segment of the community -- a local small business owner. In this role, she will provide guidance and oversight of the operations of the theatre and help to raise funds and friends for this beloved local institution with a national reputation.

“The staff and board at the theater are delighted and honored to have such a prominent local business and community leader join our Board of Directors,” said Ray Cullom, Executive Director. “The contribution Linda brings to us is key to launching Queens Theatre’s next stage of development.”

“I am honored to join the Board of Queens Theatre and work alongside many individuals dedicated to help bring to fruition the Theatre’s mission of providing quality, diverse and economical performing arts programs to New Yorkers. To me, Queens Theatre exemplifies arts and culture at its finest. I’m passionate about supporting organizations that not only provide a platform for the arts, but also possess a strong foundation for educational opportunities,” stated Linda DeSabato, President of Vallo Transportation Ltd.

Vallo Transportation is a family-owned and managed full-service transportation company which provides charter and private school bus service for thousands of school children each year. Ms. DeSabato and her family have been in the business for over 50 years and built the company's reputation on an unwavering commitment to safety and reliability. In 1984, she and her brother founded Vallo Transportation. Under her tutelage, the business has grown steadily and today she resides over a staff of 60. Her brother now oversees Rolling V Bus Corporation, a sister company based in South Fallsburg, New York. Prior to becoming President of Vallo, Ms. DeSabato worked as Comptroller at her family’s company, Parkway Bus Service. In 2010, Ms. DeSabato was the recipient the New York State Bus Contractor of the Year Award. She donates her time and resources to support many local non-profit organizations that enhance and enrich the community.