



National Center for Voice and Speech

A Cross-institutional consortium of voice and speech professionals

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**MICHAEL BALLAM, PETER GILES AND CHRISTOPHER MCBETH
JOIN NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
NATIONAL CENTER FOR VOICE AND SPEECH**

SALT LAKE CITY, May 25, 2010--The National Center for Voice and Speech (NCVS) announced today the appointment of its National Advisory Council members. As advocates for the NCVS, Michael Ballam, General Director of the Utah Festival Opera, Peter Giles, Executive Director of The Leonardo, and Christopher McBeth, Opera Artistic Director for the Utah Opera will combine efforts to help bring awareness to healthy and effective voice communication along the Wasatch Front and the Nation.

"I am extremely excited to be joined by such a distinguished group of experts in the vocal arts and sciences," said Ingo R. Titze, executive director of The National Center for Voice and Speech. Chairman of the council is Dr. Glenn Prestwich. Prestwich, the founder of numerous biotechnology companies, is a Presidential Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Utah and Program Leader for the Experimental Diagnostics and Therapeutics Program of the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

The National Center for Voice and Speech is a multi-institutional organization, with the University of Utah being the lead institution. Dedicated to biomechanical research aimed at understanding, preventing and treating voice disorders, it also is specially attuned to the needs and function of the artistic voice. They also provide referral services to help people around the world enjoy healthy and effective vocal communication.

This newly appointed council would serve as an emissary for the NCVS, reviewing and supporting the long-range plans and research of the NCVS organization and help in supporting fundraising activities. Other members joining the advisory council include: Arden Hopkin, Head of Vocal Studies at BYU and voice teacher; Dr. David Palmer, Ear, Nose & Throat Physician; William Strong, Emeritus Professor of Physics & Astronomy at Brigham Young University and Rebecca Wilberg, Voice Instructor and Choir Conductor. The first meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in Salt Lake City, on May 28, 2010.

The National Center for Voice and Speech - Giving Voice to America.

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