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**MEMORANDUM**

**March 10, 2026**

**TO: Members of the Board of Trustees**

**FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor**

**SUBJECT: Naming of a Performing Arts Space in the Staller Center for the Arts at the State University of New York at Stony Brook**

**Action Requested**

The proposed resolution names The Hildegarde Kurnol '61 Performance Venue, in the Fine Arts I building of the Staller Center for the Arts at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

**Resolution**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas**, Hildegarde G. Kurnol Weigel has been a devoted and steadfast supporter of the State University of New York at Stony Brook for more than 40 years, generously contributing her time, talent, and resources to a broad array of campus initiatives; and

**Whereas**, she is a lifelong pianist with a passion for music, mathematics, and Stony Brook students; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Weigel's gift will support the remodeling of a new named performance space for the Department of Music, located in the Fine Arts I building of the Staller Center for the Arts, creating a new state-of-the-art rehearsal and concert venue, a transformative investment in the future of Stony Brook's Performance Program within Graduate Study in Music. The endowed fund will provide permanent funding for the long-term

maintenance, enhancement, and operational needs of the space;  
now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Hildegarde G. Kurnol Weigel, The Hildegarde Kurnol '61 Performance Venue, a performance space for the Department of Music, located in the Fine Arts I building of the Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University, is hereby named.

## **Background**

Hildegarde G. Kurnol Weigel is a 1961 mathematics alumnus of Stony Brook University's first graduating class. She has generously contributed her time, talent, and resources to a broad array of campus initiatives, including the First Alumni Scholarship Fund, and, in 2021, established the Hildegarde Kurnol '61 Endowed Scholarship to support undergraduate students in mathematics and music.

As a first-generation American and first-generation college student, she deeply values access to higher education and has dedicated her life to championing opportunities for others. Ms. Weigel takes great pride in Stony Brook's evolution from a small college into one of the nation's leading centers of learning and research. She hopes her philanthropy will inspire others to support future generations of students.