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# Special Thanksgiving Edition of NewsNight Akron to Feature New Executives at Area Cultural Organizations

KENT, Ohio — Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 — A special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNight Akron** that will air the day after Thanksgiving profiles three people in new leadership positions at Akron's iconic cultural organizations. It also features one of the area's best-known arts advocates. The special will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO/WEAO 45.1/49.1) on Friday, Nov. 27, at 9:30 p.m. and repeat on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 5 a.m. It also will air on Fusion (WNEO/WEAO 45.2/49.2) on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 p.m.

Join **NewsNight Akron** panelist Jody Miller as she hosts a panel discussion with Phil Walz, new executive director of Greater Akron Musical Association; Linda Conrad, recently named president and executive director of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens; Jon Trainor, Akron Art Museum's new director of development; and Mary Ann Jackson, longtime arts and cultural maven in the greater Akron area.

The panelists discuss the value and kinds of art and cultural offered in the area, plus the impacts of a slumping economy on all facets of operation for such organizations. Miller also talks with the panelists about their backgrounds and visions for their organizations.

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