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Flint Hills Resources Makes Five-Year Commitment to the Ordway for the International Children's Festival

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – Flint Hills Resources has announced its commitment to be the title sponsor of the International Children's Festival for another five years. This agreement secures the fate of the world-class children's festival in Saint Paul through 2018. The five-day festival – presented by the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts – provides access to regional and international arts for thousands of children and families each year. An estimated 55,000 people attended this year's festival, which wrapped up on Sunday. It's the largest attendance in the festival's 13 year history. Flint Hills has been the title sponsor since the festival's inception in 2001.

“The Flint Hills Resources International Children's Festival is a critical part of the Ordway's mission to bring the performing arts to the families and children of Minnesota,” said Ordway president and CEO Patricia Mitchell. “We are grateful for Flint Hills' support of this important event and are eager to work together over the next five years to continue to enhance the festival and further improve access to the arts.”

Since 2001 more than 500,000 people have attended the Flint Hills International Children's Festival. This year's festival featured a total of 129 performances from Australian, Canadian, Chinese, Cuban, Italian, and American artists. One of the nation's first international festivals geared toward children, the event provides children and their families the opportunity to experience international puppetry, dance, music, drama and more.

“Strong communities are built on collaboration,” said Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, who attended the festival. “The Flint Hills Resources and Ordway partnership is a shining example of a private/nonprofit partnership that has benefitted the entire region. Saint Paul is thrilled to be home to this world-class event.”

“We are fortunate to have a thriving arts community in Minnesota. The Flint Hills International Children's Festival is an opportunity for us to be a part of something extraordinary, something unique to Minnesota, and something that inspires young people to be creative and dream big,” said Scott Lindemann, vice president of operations and plant manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, biofuels and chemicals company. Its subsidiaries market products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, as well as base oils and asphalt. Flint Hills Resources operates ethanol plants in Fairbank, Iowa Falls, Menlo, and Shell Rock, Iowa and Fairmont, Nebraska. The plants have a combined annual capacity of 550 million gallons of ethanol.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of transportation fuels in the Upper Midwest and is the largest purchaser of ethanol in Minnesota. Since the mid-1990s, it has utilized ethanol and other biofuels in its fuel distribution system. The company has also made equity investments in bioenergy companies and operates a biodiesel plant near Fort Worth, Texas.

The refining business operates refineries in Alaska (North Pole), Minnesota (Rosemount), and Texas (Corpus Christi), with a combined crude oil processing capacity of nearly 670,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. The asphalt business produces and markets product in the Midwest and Alaska. A subsidiary owns an interest in a lubricants base oil facility in Louisiana. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

About the Flint Hills International Children's Festival

The Flint Hills International Children's Festival, presented by the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, engages young minds in the performing arts by bringing top international and regional talent to Minnesota children and families. The festival, which began in 2001, includes two parts – School Days, when more than 15,000 students and teachers from throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin visit the festival, and Family Weekend, when the festival opens to the public. More than 50,000 children and families participate in or attend the festival each year. For more information, visit www.ordway.org/festival.

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