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Flint Hills Resources to continue as title sponsor of Saint Paul family festival through its 20th anniversary

Flint Hills/Ordway partnership dates back to 2001

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (June 4, 2018) — Following the success of this year’s [Flint Hills Family Festival](#), which welcomed more than 30,000 people to downtown Saint Paul, Flint Hills Resources today announced that it is renewing its title sponsorship of the event through 2020.

The Flint Hills Family Festival is an annual event organized by the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts that welcomes families to experience regional and international performing arts for little to no cost. One of the largest and longest-running children’s festivals of its kind in the country, Flint Hills Resources has been the title sponsor since its inception in 2001.

“A festival of this quality and magnitude running this long is almost unheard of because it requires significant investment, partnership and a long-term commitment from the business community,” said Jamie Grant, president and CEO of Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. “We are thankful to Flint Hills Resources for its longstanding generosity and dedication to this fantastic family event.”

Nearly one million people have attended the festival since its inception in 2001. This includes Family Weekend attendees, as well as the more than 20,000 students and teachers from across Minnesota and Wisconsin who visit the festival each year to attend professional performances, participate in hands-on activities, and engage in artist workshops during the festival’s four School Days.

“The Flint Hills Family Festival is about bringing accessible, world-class arts and entertainment to local families here in Minnesota,” said Heather Rein, director of community affairs at the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount. “We’re proud of our longstanding partnership with the Ordway, and look forward to seeing many more children and families experience this extraordinary event.”

ABOUT ORDWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

For over 30 years, Ordway Center for Performing Arts has been telling stories that exemplify the human experience. Our stage has been a dramatic canvas for artists to create worlds of love and loss, hope and despair, war and peace, victory and defeat. Audiences have been transported to exotic locations, met iconic characters, and embarked on exhilarating adventures. Recognized as one of the U.S.’s leading not-for-profit performing arts centers, the Ordway presents and produces a wide variety of performances throughout the year that encompass the finest in musical theater, concerts, dance and vocal artists. In

addition, each year the Ordway presents its Flint Hills Family Festival and serves over 60,000 children through its education programs. The performing arts center houses a 1,900-seat Music Theater, a 1,100-seat Concert Hall, two large rehearsal halls and magnificent lobbies. The Ordway is a proud member of the Arts Partnership, a collaboration comprising the Minnesota Opera, the Ordway, The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Schubert Club. For more information, visit ordway.org.

ABOUT FLINT HILLS RESOURCES

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With about 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

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