



KEY LEADERSHIP

The Walt Disney Family Museum

Richard Benefield

Founding Executive Director, The Walt Disney Family Museum

Richard Benefield joined The Walt Disney Family Museum in September 2008 as the Founding Executive Director.

Mr. Benefield was educated at Baylor University (B.M., M.M.) and received the first doctor of musical arts degree ever awarded by the New England Conservatory of Music in 1995. At Baylor, Mr. Benefield earned two degrees: a bachelor of music in 1976 and a master of music in 1980. He was assistant director at the Rhode Island School of Design before joining the Harvard University Art Museums as assistant director for finance and administration in 1999.

Mr. Benefield became Deputy Director of the Harvard University Art Museums in 2002, a position he held until joining The Walt Disney Family Museum. While Deputy Director of Harvard University Art Museums, he was the Keeper of the D. A. Flentrop Organ in Harvard's Adolphus Busch Hall.

Benefield joined the Harvard staff in 1999 and oversaw sweeping efforts to standardize all aspects of operations of the University's three museums and four research centers dedicated to scholarship and research in the visual arts. He led efforts to digitize and inventory the more than 250,000 works of art in the University's collection and championed efforts to renovate the legendary Fogg Art Museum on Harvard Yard. Benefield was working with architect Renzo Piano on a massive facilities master plan for the Art Museums and had concluded schematic design for the Fogg renovation at the time of his departure for San Francisco.

Diane Disney Miller

Co-Founder, The Walt Disney Family Museum

Mrs. Miller, the first daughter of Walt Disney and Lillian Bounds Disney, is co-founder of The Walt Disney Family Museum and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Walt Disney Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization. The Foundation was established in 1995 and strives to promote education, writing, and scholarship about Walt Disney.

Mrs. Miller is well known for her extensive philanthropic work in the Bay Area and throughout the United States. In addition to her work on founding The Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio of San Francisco, Mrs. Miller played a key role in the successful completion of the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and has served on the Board of Governors of San Francisco Symphony.

Mrs. Miller and her husband, Ronald W. Miller, own the Silverado Vineyards Winery in Napa Valley. The couple has seven children and 13 grandchildren.

Walter E.D. Miller
Co-Founder, The Walt Disney Family Museum

Mr. Miller, grandson of Walt Disney and son of Diane Disney Miller and Ronald W. Miller, is co-founder of The Walt Disney Family Museum and President of the Walt Disney Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization. The Foundation was established in 1995 and strives to promote education, writing, and scholarship about Walt Disney.

Mr. Miller was the Executive Producer of two documentaries about Walt Disney. The first, *Walt: The Man Behind the Myth* (2001), is an in-depth glimpse into Disney's luminous life and career. A recent film, *Walt & El Grupo* (2008), studies Disney's 1941 goodwill tour to South America. The trip, which included Disney's creative team, led to the production of Latin American-themed animation features that were screened both in Latin America and the United States.