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GEORGE MACAULAY IRWIN

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

QUINCY CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE Founder and Music Director, 1946-64

QUINCY CHORAL SOCIETY Founder and Conductor, 1946-64

QUINCY SOCIETY OF FINE ARTS (a community arts council) Founder, 1947;
First president, 1947-77

QUINCY CIVIC BAND Founder and Co-Conductor, 1947-55

QUINCY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Founder and Conductor, 1947-64; Advisor,
1964-67

SUNDAY MUSIC CLUB (formed to replace Civic Music Association Musicales)
President, 1948-55

QUINCY PUBLIC LIBRARY Organized record lending library, 1948

COMMITTEE TO RE-ORGANIZE QUINCY COMMUNITY LITTLE THEATRE
President, 1949

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUINCY AND ADAMS COUNTY President,
1950-1965; Member of Restoration Committee, 1980-1990

QUINCY ART CLUB Board Member and Vice-President, 1951-71; Member
Building and Exhibits Committees; Curator for exhibit opening new building
1990

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE; Canton, Missouri, Board of Trustees, 1966-81

QUINCY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC Headed the re-organization and re-
Structuring, 1975

FORMER BOARD MEMBER: Quincy Civic Music Association; Quincy Community
Little Theatre; Blessing Hospital; Quincy Area Project; Congregational Church

FORMER SCOUTMASTER Troup 8

FORMER BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT Woodland Home

FORMER BOARD MEMBER, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN United Fund

QUINCY FOUNDATION President, 1961 to present

GARDNER MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN Board Member,
Vice-President, Exhibits Chairman and Fund Raiser, 1982-90

QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION Member, 1984-90

FRIENDS OF THE DR. RICHARD EELLS HOUSE A Founder, Board Member and
Treasurer; President, 1994-present

CHAIRMAN OF STEERING COMMITTEE AND PRODUCER HISTORIC
QUINCY ARCHITECTURE A book of color photographs and text of
1830's to 1930's Quincy buildings, 1996

SHERIDAN SWIM CLUB One of three founders/developers; 1960's

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PERSONAL AND VOCATIONAL:

BORN: Quincy, Illinois May 2, 1921

GRADUATE: Quincy Public Schools
University of Michigan

National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan, summers of 1936-38

Irwin Paper Company, Quincy 1943-69; Personnel Director, 1950-69

Chairman of the Board of Directors: Irwin Paper Company, the Peoria Paper House,
Inc. and the Decatur Paper House, Inc. 1961-69

Quincy Compressor Company – Division of Colt Industries Chairman of Board
of Directors, 1961-71

Collector of 20th century art by American artists

Commissioned works from American composers, painters and sculptors since 1950

Member of National Trust for Historic Preservation

Placed several Quincy landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places,
saving some from planned destruction, and restoring them.

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HONORS AND AWARDS:

Junior Chamber of Commerce, Young Man of the Year Award, 1946
Quincy College, Solano Medal of Honor, 1963
Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO, Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, 1973
Illinois Arts Council, Governor's Arts Award, 1978
Illinois Department of Conservation, Certificate of Merit, 1979
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Distinguished Service Award, 1981
Quincy Society of Fine Arts, first City of Quincy Arts Award, 1981
National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Honor Award, 1983
Western Illinois University, Macomb, first recipient of Hainline Award for
Contribution to the Arts, 1985
Western Illinois University, Macomb, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, 1990
Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation, Chicago, Lifetime Achievement Award, 1990
Quincy Community Concert Band, Honorary Board Member
National Governors Association, 1996 Distinguished Service Award for Support
of the Arts, presented at July conference in Puerto Rico
Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, Richard Driehaus Foundation Award
for lifetime work in historic preservation, 1999
Illinois Humanities Council, Studs Terkel Award, Lifetime Service to the Arts
and Humanities, 1999
Illinois Arts Council, Award for establishing Governor's Committee for the
Arts (1963), organizing the Illinois Arts Council (1965), and serving as
First Chairman through 1971
State of Illinois, Governor's Proclamation: "George M. Irwin Day in Illinois"
April 28, 2000
City of Quincy, Mayor's Proclamation: George M. Irwin Day in Quincy"
April 28, 2000
Quincy University, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, 2000
Muddy River Opera Company, Quincy BRAVO Award 2003

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STATE ACTIVITIES:

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL Organizer and first Chairman, 1963-71
MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, Chicago Board of Trustees, 1967-74
RAVINIA FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, Highland Park Board of Trustees, 1967-74
ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL 1969-73
ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM, Springfield Board of Directors, 1970-74 1985-99
ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Bloomington Fine Arts Visiting Committee
1972-75
MACMURRAY COLLEGE, Jacksonville, Illinois Board of Trustees, 1973-79
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Macomb Regional Planning Committee
1977-81
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Visiting Committee on Music, 1973-76
FREE STREET THEATER, Chicago Board of Directors, 1977-81
HUBBARD STREET DANCE COMPANY, Chicago Advisory Board, 1982-90
THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO Governing Life Member
THE ORCHESTRAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago Governing Member
UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF CHICAGO Member
LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS, Springfield Rector for the Arts and the
Performing Arts, 1997-Present

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS, New York A Founder, First President
and Chairman, 1961-73 (now AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS)
MUSIC EDUCATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE, Tanglewood Panelist, 1967
AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LEAGUE, Washington, D.C. Board
Member and Officer, 1952-67
COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, INC., New York Board of Directors, 1966-72
BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS, New York Founding Board Member
1968-71
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, Washington, D.C.
Board Member, 1970-74
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS, New York Board Member, 1973-75
Member of American Delegation to first UNESCO Inter-Governmental Conference
On Institutional and Financial Aspects of Cultural Policies, Venice, Italy 1970
Ditchely Conference on Government Cultural Policies, England, 1974
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS Consultant and Panelist, 1975-80
INTERLOCHEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS, Michigan Alumni Advisory Board
1975-77
PEACE CORPS, Washington, D.C. Arts Consultant to 1987