



Robert Eckardt
Executive Vice President
The Cleveland Foundation

Bob Eckardt is Executive Vice President at The Cleveland Foundation. He provides overall direction and supervision for grants totaling about \$90 million annually. He also has responsibility for managing activities related to program related investments and evaluation. He directly supervises ten senior program staff and provides overall supervision and administrative leadership for a program staff of more than 20.

Dr. Eckardt graduated with honors from Grinnell College in Iowa. After graduation, he spent two years as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow studying care of the elderly in Europe. He resided in Madrid and Copenhagen and worked with the Spanish Office of Social Security, The Danish Institute for Social Research, the European regional office of the World Health Organization, the Jonkoping Gerontology Center, and the Norwegian Gerontological Institute.

After his return to the US, he attended the University of Michigan for graduate studies. In 1977 he received both his Masters in Public Health (Health Planning and Administration) and a Certificate of Specialization in Aging. In 1984 he enrolled in the Pew Doctoral Program at the University of Michigan and received his Doctor of Public Health (Health Policy) degree in 1990. He is the 2006 recipient of the Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy and the 2010 Distinguished Grantmaker Award from the Council on Foundations.



Susan Feder
Program Officer
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Susan Feder joined The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in 2007 as program officer for Performing Arts and now serves in that capacity in the Arts and Cultural Heritage program. She oversees grantmaking for performing arts and related organizations, helps develop new initiatives, and collaborates with colleagues on projects of mutual interest. Before joining the Foundation, as vice president of the music publishing firm G. Schirmer, she cultivated a distinguished roster of American and international composers. Earlier in her career she was editorial coordinator of *The New Grove Dictionary of American Music* and

program editor at the San Francisco Symphony. Feder is vice president of the Amphion Foundation, serves on the boards of the Kurt Weill Foundation and Charles Ives Society, and is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Curtis Institute of Music and the Princeton University Music Department Advisory Council. Her honors include being named one of Musical America's *Profiles in Courage* recipients in 2014, the Concert Music Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, an ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for her program notes for the American Composers Orchestra, and the dedication of compositions by John Corigliano, Joan Tower, and Augusta Read Thomas.



Jon Limbacher
Chief Development Officer
The Cleveland Orchestra

Jon Limbacher has nearly 25 years experience as a development professional. From 1991-95 he served as Assistant Director of Development for The Cleveland Orchestra, where he led the Annual Fund Campaign, increasing it by nearly \$2 million in four years. From Cleveland, Mr. Limbacher moved to the role of Vice President

and Director of Development at the St. Louis Symphony, where he oversaw annual and endowment fundraising, and marketing. In 2000, Mr. Limbacher became Vice President of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, eventually becoming Chief Operating Officer. He was responsible for strategic planning, business model innovation, increasing operating revenue, and he led a campaign for a new concert hall.

Jon has been back with The Cleveland Orchestra in the role of Chief Development Officer since February 2012. Jon and his team are in the midst of their *Sound for Centennial Campaign*, which will raise funds to build the endowment while sustaining annual fund support.

Jon has been a regular presenter for the League of American Orchestras.



Cecilia H. Render
Executive Director
Nordson Corporation Foundation

Cecilia is currently the Executive Director of the Nordson Corporation Foundation based in Westlake, OH. She has been at the Foundation since 1999 starting as the Program Officer. Prior to Nordson, Cecilia was employed in the field of education. She is actively involved in the Philanthropy Ohio Education Advisory Committee and Corporate Funders group, ReacHigher, the Lorain County P-16 council and the STEM education workgroup with the Association of Corporate Contribution Professionals. She has worked as an advisor for Cleveland Scholarship Programs and the Educational Opportunity Program at Tri-C. Cecilia has also been a part-time instructor at Cleveland State University in the School of Education. She holds a M.Ed. from CSU with a concentration in Adult Learning and Development and a B.A. in Psychology with a concentration in Child Development from Smith College.

Cecilia is the 2015 Leadership Lorain County Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Leadership awardee.