

## **Christopher Stevens**

Christopher Stevens has worked at the Walker Art Center since 1994. As Chief of Advancement, he oversees all aspects of the Walker fundraising activities. He successfully planned and executed a \$100 million capital campaign that was completed in 2006 and a \$75 million drive that was completed in 2017. Both campaigns exceeded their goals. Prior to working at the Walker, Stevens held development positions at the Henry Street Settlement and South Street Seaport Museum in New York City. In 2007, he served as the Co-President of the Art Museum Development Association. Stevens has served as a faculty member of St. Mary's University of Minnesota where he taught fundraising to graduate students in the Arts & Cultural Management Program. He was the first man to graduate with a degree in Women Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a Master's Degree in History from New York University. Stevens has served on the boards of AchieveMpls, a non-profit organization that provides financial and programmatic support to Minneapolis Public Schools, and the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals where he served as the Chair of the chapter's National Philanthropy Day celebration. He also formerly served as President of the Encampment Forest Association. Stevens is currently a Board member and Treasurer of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, a statewide arts advocacy organization that organizes the arts community to lobby the Minnesota State Legislature and Congress. In 2015, that organization recognized Stevens with its highest honor for his arts advocacy work.