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Design Innovator, Philanthropist, Wife and Mother Charlot Malin Passes Away

San Francisco, CA, (March 15, 2017) – Award-winning designer, generous philanthropist and beloved wife and mother **Charlot Malin** passed away after a sudden illness on Monday, March 13, according to family members.

Charlot, 48, devoted her life to improving the lives of others. “Her passing leaves a huge void in the San Francisco cultural community,” says Neal Benezra, Director of SFMOMA.

Charlot’s artistic vision infused her work as co-founder, COO, and Director of Design for [Troon Pacific, Inc.](#), a San Francisco-based real estate development and investment company that develops environmentally-sustainable, design-forward residences. In addition to numerous homes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, Charlot’s interior architectural work has included wineries in Napa/Sonoma, Robert Redford’s Sundance Resort in Provo, Utah, and George Lucas’ Skywalker Ranch Sound Studios, among many others.

Her love for the performing and fine arts drove her primary philanthropic pursuits in the San Francisco Bay Area. Concerned about dwindling public funds for music education, Charlot held board and leadership positions with the [San Francisco Opera Guild](#), and served as President from 2014 until 2016. “Charlot was a leader of the 21st century,” says current Opera Guild President Jane Mudge. “She was an incredible champion of our Guild Education programs, striving to bring opera to the youth of today – which is, of course, the future for tomorrow. We will miss the grace and goodness that she brought to the Guild and our larger arts community.”

Charlot was involved with [SFMOMA](#) for nearly 20 years, as chair of the Curators’ Circle and ex-officio Trustee from 2012 – 2015. “Her dedication to SFMOMA was passionate and impactful,” commented SFMOMA’s Benezra. “In addition to sharing her expertise and leadership, her relationships with cultural organizations in her homeland of Norway helped to support our upcoming exhibition on Edvard Munch.”

Devoted to women helping women around the world, Charlot was an active board member and led the west coast effort of the [Voss Foundation](#), an organization which has funded numerous fresh water access points and sanitation facilities across Sub-Saharan Africa.



**Charlot Malin, COO,
Troon Pacific, Inc.**

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Born in Norway, she maintained her cultural roots through board positions on the Norwegian-American Cultural Foundation and the Norway House Foundation. Ms. Malin studied interior architecture in Arizona, France and San Francisco, where she met her husband, Gregory in 1992.

A beloved wife, mother and daughter, Charlot is survived by her husband Gregory Malin and twin sons Benjamin and Sebastian, as well as her parents, Turid and Tore Diskerud, brother Paal and nephew Mikkel.

The City and County of San Francisco designated “Charlot Malin Day” on November 8, 2016, to honor Charlot’s professional experience, collaborative spirit and leadership skills with regional non-profits.

A private memorial service celebrating Charlot’s life is pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the “Charlot D. Malin San Francisco Opera Guild Education Fund” or the “Charlot D. Malin Commemorative Fund” at the Voss Foundation:

San Francisco Opera Guild: 301 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102 <https://sfopera.com/CharlotMalinFund>

The Voss Foundation: www.vossfoundation.org/.

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