

The background of the cover is a photograph of three women sitting on a white, modern-style bench in what appears to be an art gallery. The woman on the left has long, dark hair and is wearing a tan jacket. The woman in the middle has short, wavy, light-colored hair and is wearing a dark grey jacket. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket. They are all looking towards the right. On the wall behind them are two framed black and white photographs. The floor is a dark, polished surface.

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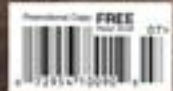
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Building Inspiration

Subject: Mercedes E. Jones,
Schermmerhorn Symphony Center

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The highly-anticipated Schermmerhorn Symphony Center opened in September of 2006 and is home to the critically acclaimed Nashville Symphony. The center is named in honor of the late Maestro Kenneth Schermmerhorn who led the Nashville Symphony for 22 years.

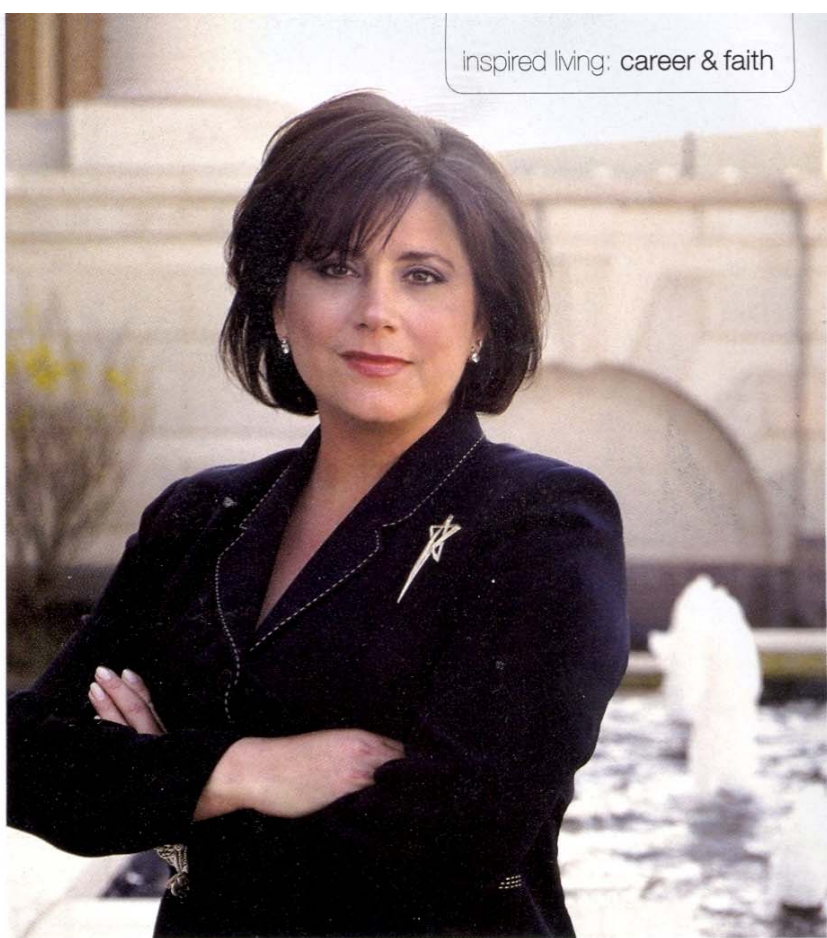
Enter Mercedes Jones; the talented young visionary who founded Legacy Project Resources, LLC, a company that specializes in providing project management and owner's representative liaison and development services for community, cultural and iconic building projects, such as museums, performing arts centers and community buildings. Jones knows that tenacity, perseverance, determination and belief in self are necessary for these undertakings. While these projects that are legacies for the community and that bring exposure, opportunity and beauty to future generations demand everything of Jones, she says her participation in them fulfills her soul.

As the daughter of a nationally known female construction industry trailblazer, Mercedes knows firsthand that faith and divine favor go hand in hand to augment hard work and commitment to excellence. She is both gratified and humbled to have been selected to lead and assemble a committed, cohesive and collaborative team for a project of this magnitude. As the *Wall Street Journal* noted, "The center is also a managerial triumph, as it was completed on time, on budget, and without rancor."

"Every smart businesswoman understands the value of having a great team through building and leading collaborative partnerships, especially in male dominated industries. A great team should consist of the people in your office and also those that you work with outside the office, including your contractors and suppliers," Jones says.

This kind of wisdom and mental fortitude have earned Mercedes Jones her position in leadership roles on various boards of directors and on several local and national construction projects. She was selected as one of 22 representatives from eight countries to participate in the 2007 International Women's Forum Leadership Fellows program.

Jones brings more than 15 years of construction and project



I believe that a great building is a place that inspires new dreams, like Nashville's Schermmerhorn Symphony Center. — Mercedes Jones

management experience to her endeavors. She previously served as project manager and estimator for Mark IV Enterprises, Inc., a general contractor based in Nashville, whose notable projects include work on LP Field, home of the Tennessee Titans, the Nashville Firefighters Memorial and art installation projects at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens.

Jones has the precision, discipline, intuition and the depth of knowledge required to be an outstanding project leader. She also has the ability to motivate people to bring their best to the equation.

According to Jones, building legacies is a commitment to continuing the legacies of those who come before us, contributing to the legacies of today and creating our own legacies for future generations. Through her belief and faith, she helped turn the dream of the Schermmerhorn Symphony Center into reality; she helped create a facility that will inspire generations of audiences and will be a landmark to last the ages.

Most important, she believes in building others by being committed to guiding and mentoring others, including young people who exhibit desire and passion in their life.