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ACTRESS JEANNE TRIPPLEHORN TO SERVE AS SPOKESPERSON FOR WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

For Immediate Release—New York, NY, January 15, 2009 . . . Bonnie Burnham, President of the World Monuments Fund (WMF), announced today that actress Jeanne Tripplehorn, who currently stars in HBO's critically acclaimed series, *Big Love*, has agreed to serve as a spokesperson for WMF, the leading independent organization devoted to saving the world's most treasured places.

"We are thrilled that Jeanne has agreed to be a spokesperson for the World Monuments Fund," said **WMF President Bonnie Burnham**. "She brings a passionate voice to our cause that will help draw even more attention to the plight of architectural heritage around the world."

"I am very excited about this new role, as I've had a deep appreciation for architecture and preservation throughout my life," said **Jeanne Tripplehorn**. "I am especially interested in WMF's wonderful program, the World Monuments Watch, through which they announce, every other year, a list of 100 most endangered sites. One of the most recent Watch sites is Route 66, which runs through my hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and ends not too far from where I now live in Los Angeles. We all take for granted that the places we love will be around forever, but that's clearly not the case, not even with Route 66, a familiar reminder to me of home. So I am proud to speak out on behalf of the World Monuments Fund, which has been saving historic sites for more than 40 years, from Beijing to Rome to Tulsa. I hope people across the globe will help us save even more."

Jeanne Tripplehorn was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She studied at the University of Tulsa and the Julliard School of Drama in New York. She has appeared in films as diverse as *Basic Instinct*, *The Firm* (1993), *Waterworld* (1995), *Sliding Doors* (1998), and *Mickey Blue Eyes* (1999). She made her Broadway debut as Masha in Anton Chekhov's *The Three Sisters*. She will next be seen starring as Jackie Onassis in HBO's *Grey Gardens*, scheduled to air this April, and the independent film, *Crazy from the Outside*. The third season of her series *Big Love* begins airing on HBO on January 18.

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World Monuments Fund is the leading independent organization devoted to saving the world's most treasured places. For over 40 years, working in more than 90 countries, our highly skilled experts have applied proven and effective techniques to preserve important architectural and cultural heritage sites around the globe. Through partnerships with local communities, funders, and governments, we inspire an enduring commitment to stewardship for future generations. Headquartered in New York, WMF has offices and affiliates worldwide.

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