

# FLCT Board of Trustees 2022-2023

# **Gregg Goldstein, Chair**



Born in South Florida, and raised in the Boston area, Gregg came back to his birthplace in 2003 and hasn't left. Gregg is a graduate of Ithaca College with a B.A. in Speech Communications and double minors in Advertising/PR and Organizational Communication. He also has a M.S. in Management with a focus in Leadership from NSU. He is married to Margot, and has twin boys, Evan and Myles. Gregg owns his own marketing consulting company focusing specifically on communication, strategy, and execution. As a lifelong learner, he actively attends seminars,

webinars, and workshops to increase his knowledge in various areas of sales and marketing. Gregg is a graduate of Leadership Broward XXXIV, Class Chair for Leadership Broward XXXIX and serves on Boards throughout the community including Leadership Broward Foundation, B'nai Aviv of Weston, the Exceptional Theatre Company (ETC) and Central Park Elementary School's PTA and School Advisory Council.

"Life is like a play: it's not the length, but the excellence of the acting that matters." – Seneca

### Andre B. Gonzalez



Andre is a Private Client Advisor at Bank of America - Private Bank, where he serves the needs of high net worth individuals, families and foundations across the United States. He has served clients in the industry for over 12 years, and among other distinctions, has been recognized for unwavering customer focus and a passion for educating clients on how best to achieve their financial goals. In his free time, Andre enjoys fishing and spending time with his wife and two daughters.

When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." Dalai Lama"

# Sasha Formica, Secretary



Sasha Formica was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, FL, more specifically, raised at none other than Florida Children's Theatre (back when it was Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre). Sasha started classes at FLCT when she was just 8 years old, since then was a part of more than 50 productions, also working as a camp counselor and Executive Assistant. Sasha set off to college at Florida State University where she maintained a long distance relationship with her FLCT family. Because of the values instilled in her while growing up in a non-profit

environment she sought work at Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida as a Development Associate and later a Special Events Coordinator, leading tremendous fundraising projects in the South Florida area. Most recently Sasha has joined the "be nice" restaurant group as their Director of Marketing Events.

"Creativity is contagious, pass it on!" Albert Einstein

## Joseph Brydon, Treasurer



Joseph (Joe) was born in New Jersey but grew up in South Florida. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Auburn University and is forever a diehard fan, often dawning orange and blue attire (War Eagle!). Joe became a Certified Public Accountant and is the managing partner of Becher, Nall, Brydon, Spahn and Company. He has been practicing accounting since the late 1980s in Miami Dade County with clients all over the world. He was the treasurer of Community Smiles a dental non-profit organization established in 1955. This organization provided free or significantly reduced dental services to those in need. He is the

president of a new South Florida private foundation, Psalms of Life. His wife, Juliana, and their two wonderful

children have stretched Joe artistically through their passions for dance, theater, music, and digital art. Growing up outdoors in South Florida Joe enjoys playing all sports, fishing, and boating. Joe has greatly enjoyed getting to know the worlds of dance, theater, and song through the eyes of his children.

"Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one." Stella Adler

# Karen Ash, Past Chair



Karen is from Miami and has been a passionate educator for over two decades. She is the proud mom of daughter Aleyna, an FLCT alumna. When she is not working and helping out with various charitable organizations, Karen enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

"Life is pure adventure, and the sooner we realize that, the quicker we will be able to treat life as art." Maya Angelou

### **Diedra Chatman**



Diedra is a Project Manager with Red Door. With over 19 years of experience in both the public and private sectors, Diedra has managed projects for various restaurant brands (Chipotle, Aurify Brands) high end retailers, luxury condominiums and education facilities, including FLCT's new Broward College center. Diedra holds an MBA from Nova Southeastern University and Bachelor's in Architecture from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece." John Ruskin

# **Charley Garcia**



Charley Garcia is a Fort Lauderdale native, FLCT Alumnus, and is currently a Project Manager for GRUBBRR technology company in Boca Raton. Charley worked in PR and Marketing after graduating from the University of Alabama with a degree in General Business. He hopes to give back to FLCT - an organization that gave him the well-rounded skill sets and attributes he considers to be a vital part of his success.

"It is never too late to be what you might have been." George Eliot

## **Rachel Holladay Infante**



Rachel is Senior Counsel at Cleveland Clinic - Florida. A dedicated advocate for her client with a focus on patient-centered care, she has over fifteen years of legal and litigation experience assisting clients achieve resolution of their complex legal issues. Firmly committed to serving her community, she has provided hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services and has been an active member with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward County and Co-Chair of Partners4Pace, Pace Center for Girls, Broward. As a graduate of Leadership Broward XXVI,

Rachel understands that Broward County's diverse non-profit community is what makes Broward County strong and rich. Always an avid supporter of theater, Rachel has seen firsthand the significant positive impact FLCT has on both the actors and audience, and she is honored to serve on the Board of Trustees.

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." Pablo Picasso

#### Mark Keller



Mark is a producer, presenter, creator, and investor whose credits include: Broadway: War Horse, A Christmas Story The Musical-Investor. West End: Developing Roof of The World-World Premiere Kansas City Rep. Regional: Developing Allan Carr: Can't Stop The Stories! Hazel-A Musical Maid in America, directed by Lucie Arnaz. Off-Broadway: Oh Me Oh My Oh Youmans, Knitters In The Sun, Company, On A Clear Day, Count Dracula. Presented in concert: Lucie Arnaz, Betty Buckley, Gavin Creel, Christine Ebersole, Linda Eder, Sutton Foster, Lorna Luft, Andrea McArdle, Donna McKechnie, Elaine Paige, Billy Porter, Faith Prince, Chita Rivera, Lea

Salonga, André De Shields. Judge-Carbonell Awards, Board Member-Florida Children's Theatre, Member Actors Equity Association, Society of Arts & Letters, South Florida Theatre League, Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs, Association of Performing Arts Presenters. Mark has recently joined the team at the Exceptional Theatre Company and is a graduate of Wayne State University BFA Directing.

"The art of making art, is putting it together." Stephen Sondheim

#### **Diane LaVault**



Originally from Pennsylvania, Diane has called Florida home for almost 50 years. A dedicated art teacher at Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School for decades, Diane recently retired from teaching and is now volunteering throughout the community more than ever. Diane has been involved with FLCT so long she could be considered our resident historian! All of her children were involved with FLCT and, to this day, theatre remains a big part of their lives. Diane continues to be active in many of the outreach events at FLCT as well as serving on the

Board of Trustees.

"Art is not made for anybody and is, at the same time, for everybody." Piet Mondrian

## **Voula Liroff**



Voula is the Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at HealthChannels, LLC, a healthcare solutions company. She partners with the operations and other administrative teams to achieve business goals and mitigate risk. Previously, Voula worked in the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, an international law firm focusing her practice on nationwide counseling and litigation for employers across numerous industries. Before attending law school, Voula was an analyst at a financial consulting firm. She

received her law degree from Columbia Law School and undergraduate degree in Economics from Columbia College in New York. Voula volunteers her time to various community groups. Most significantly, in addition to her commitment to Florida Children's Theatre, she also serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Broward and on the auxiliary board for Jack and Jill Children's Center, a nonprofit organization providing early childhood education and support to high-need families in Broward County. Voula enjoys performance and fine arts across all media, and particularly appreciates sharing and viewing these experiences through her own children's perspectives. She lives in Fort Lauderdale with her husband, two young daughters, and labradoodle Sunshine.

"Art is as natural as sunshine and as vital as nourishment." Maryann F. Kohl

#### **Jason MacMenamin**



Jason is the Director of Global Talent Strategy at American Express supporting Travel and Lifestyle Services. He has a BA in economics from Rollins College and later returned to Capella to get his Masters in Adult Education. Growing up, the arts played an important role in Jason's life. He was drum major in high school for two years, participated in drum corps and winter guard, and played in the pit for many a musical. He's a native Floridian living in Fort Lauderdale with his partner Andrew, an FLCT alumnus, and their rescue dog Honey Badger.

They enjoy making regular trips to the great White Way and the West End to enjoy theatre. Jason is thrilled to be part of FLCT's mission to share the arts with young people.

"The arts are so important not only to society but to ourselves as human beings. It keeps in touch with our own humanity. So access to the arts in any way, shape, or form is vital." Audra McDonald

#### **Amanda Martin**



Amanda aspires to live in a world where the core value of all human interaction is integrity, every meeting is made over iced coffee and the lost art of conversation is restored to its rightful glory. A positive thinking, relationship focused Real Estate Broker in Florida, Amanda co-owns and operates an independent brokerage, The Real Estate Shoppe. The Real Estate Shoppe has a headquarters in Fort Lauderdale & Orlando and serves 27 counties from Orlando South, coast to coast. Currently she serves on the Professional Development Committee for the Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie Realtors. Amanda also serves her community by

volunteering on the board of her children's PTA, as a member of Leadership Broward Class XXLI and as a member of the Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center's Transformers. Amanda lives in Parkland, FL with her Business & Life Partner Javier, two daughters, Alexandria & Milena, dogs Jack and Captain and a hamster named Mr. Rocket Hamilton. When they're not working on The Real Estate Shoppe, they enjoy road trips with the family and days off by the pool.

"Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves and to explore what is possible." Maryann F. Kohl

# **David Rigby**



David is currently the District Director of Business Development for Broward College. His career spans the business and creative spectrum, from a 25-year career in TV and Radio Broadcasting spanning virtually every format & genre from news talk, sports, Urban, rock roll & contemporary hits to seven years co-managing Corporate Partnerships with the Miami Dolphins. David earned a BS Degree in Journalism from The University of Florida, and is a fan of free and expressive art in all of its forms.

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." William Shakespeare

#### Josh Venkataraman



Josh Venkataraman is an Integrated Producer at MasterClass but outside of his professional career, he has dedicated his time to fighting for social justice. Most notably, he successfully led a campaign to posthumously pardon Florida's "Groveland Four," four young Black men who were victims of racism in the 1940s-50s. He continues to fight for social justice and equity through his work with the Equal Justice Initiative as well as the Innocence Project. He is a proud FLCT alum.

"The purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been hidden by the answers." James Baldwin