



FLCT Board of Trustees 2021-2022

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 recently launched 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 Student Advisory Council.

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

David Wright, Vice Chair



David is not only a former student of Florida Children's Theatre (back when it was Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre) but a former staff member as well. Currently residing in Los Angeles and working in film marketing, he is excited to contribute to a theater community he loves so much. David has also continued his acting work while in LA, and has been featured in television, film, and music videos.

"The theatre was created to tell people the truth about life and the social situation." – Stella Adler

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 donning 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

John A. Brugos



Originally from Pittsburgh, John Brugos has lived in Florida since 1975. An avid supporter of the arts, he has helped numerous cultural and community organizations fundraise and connect with each other, and received the ArtServe Star Award in 2008 for being an outstanding volunteer in the arts community. John previously served on the Board of The Little Palm Family Theatre in Boca Raton, as well as other non-profit Boards. John is currently the Group Sales Manager for Flamingo Gardens in addition to being a former manager of Fort Lauderdale's premier fondue restaurant, "The Melting Pot," where he worked for 16 years and where he has received national recognition for his marketing accomplishments. John is proud of his ongoing support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and looks forward to using his creativity and boundless energy as a Board Trustee for FLCT.

"Art is an expression of life!" Anonymous

Diedra Chatman



Diedra is a Project Manager with Red Door. With over 18 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

Andre B. Gonzalez



Andre is a private wealth advisor at Synovus bank, where he develops comprehensive financial solutions for high net worth clients. He has served clients in the industry for over a decade, 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

Mark Keller



Mark is a producer, presenter, creator, and investor whose credits include: Broadway: Developing *161st Street*, *A New Musical*. 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!* 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. Co-Presenting with Think Iconic Artists Agency: A Donna Summer Celebration featuring Donna's sister, Mary Gaines Bernard, Billy Stritch-I'm Playing His Songs, The Marvin Hamlisch Songbook. 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. 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 Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre 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

Rachel LeBlanc



Rachel Holladay LeBlanc is Senior Counsel at Lash & Goldberg LLP. A dedicated advocate for hospitals and healthcare providers, 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

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 a Branded Content Manager at ViacomCBS 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.

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