gctyo GREATER CONNECTICUT YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
Inspiring and Educating Young Musicians

Stanford Thompson, Advisory Council Chair, is Executive Director of Equity Arc and a Principal of Goldsmith Strategies. A national leader in the arts and cultural equity, he founded and led Play On Philly and served as Founding Board Chairman of El Sistema USA. He advises and evaluates arts and cultural organizations of all sizes on strategy, sustainability, and community engagement, and teaches on the Global Leaders Institute faculty. Stan is a graduate of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Talent Development Program, Curtis Institute of Music, and New England Conservatory.

Vikram Butani is Founder and CEO of KUBTEC since 2005. Prior to starting KUBTEC, Vikram worked in the industrial x-ray field and was a part of multiple teams working on the cutting edge of digital x-ray imaging in collaboration with the US Department of Defense and US Department of Energy. He lives with his family in Fairfield, CT.

Joseph Draper spent 22 years at Salomon Brothers and Citigroup with the last 10 years leading the bank's proprietary investment team in Hong Kong and Tokyo. In 2010, he set up a boutique investment firm with a partner which ran successfully until 2022. Joe lived for 25 years in Tokyo or Hong Kong, returning to Connecticut in 2013. He married Mieko in 2005 and they have four children living in Fairfield. He has had 2 children play for many years in GCTYO. Joe served eight years on the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Board including five years as Chair and currently Chairs the Immaculate High School Board. He graduated from Fairfield University in 1987 with a Bachelor's degree in Finance.

Aaron Flagg received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in trumpet performance from Juilliard and his doctorate from the University of Michigan. He has toured and performed widely as a trumpeter in jazz, classical, and new music settings, working with a wide range of musicians as diverse as the Illinois Jacquet Big Band, New York Philharmonic, Roberta Flack, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Prior to coming to Juilliard during the 2014-15 season, Flagg was at the Hartt School at the University of Hartford where he was dean and professor of music. He has been a board member of the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP), the League of American Orchestras in New York, Hartford Hospital, iQuilt Partnership, and the Stamford Symphony Orchestra. He has served on strategic committees for New York University, Hartford Performs, and Harlem School of the Arts. He was also the New York Metro Area chapter chair for the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. He is on the membership committee of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans and has served as an external evaluator for the National Office for Arts Accreditation (NOAA) and panelist for the Massachusetts Cultural Council, New York State Council on the Arts, Cuyahoga Arts and Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Flagg has served on numerous grant panels and was New York metro area chapter chair for the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. He has been a consultant with arts presenting organizations and universities around the country, while serving as a teaching artist for 15 years with organizations, including the Lincoln Center Institute, Carnegie Hall Education, New York Philharmonic Education, Memphis Arts Council, Guggenheim Museum, and New York City Opera. Prior to his appointment at the University of Hartford, Flagg was executive director of the Music Conservatory of Westchester from 2005 to 2009. At Juilliard, he served as director of educational outreach from 2000 to 2005. Prior to that Flagg was director of the jazz studies program at the University of Connecticut. He currently serves as Chair & Associate Director of Juilliard Jazz.

Eric Greenhut has spent his career creating and managing quantitative investment strategies across global equity and commodity derivatives markets. He has held executive roles at Balyasny Asset Management, AQR Capital Management, Ramius, and BNP Paribas/Cooper Neff, and has also led closely held entities focused on quantitative trading, real estate, and private market investments.

Philanthropically, Eric served 18 years on the Board of Trustees at JASA, which serves more than 40,000 older New Yorkers annually. The organization provides over one million home-delivered and congregate meals each year, alongside affordable housing, home care, legal services, and mental health programs. During his tenure, he served as Co-Chair of the Executive and Investment Committees and Chair of the Services Committee.

He currently serves as Advisory Board Chair of the Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology at Phillips Academy, a leading center for Native American archaeology and a national leader in repatriation, advancing cultural preservation, education, and advocacy for Indigenous peoples. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Schoke JFS of Fairfield County, Connecticut, which provides social services and meals in support of the community.

Eric graduated from Phillips Academy and Harvard College. He lives in New Canaan, Connecticut with his family.

Sarah Schunk is a proud former GCTYO parent and Board member as well as a seasoned communications strategist in the talent and technology sectors. With a career devoted to helping organizations tell their stories and people build meaningful careers, Sarah has spent 25 years in the staffing industry and currently works as the Head of Content and creative for Staffmark. Prior to her time at Staffmark, she worked for 19 years as brand and content strategist for ClearEdge Marketing, working both in the U.S and Europe.

Despite a busy career, she has also made time to volunteer across the Fairfield community leading sports Booster clubs at Fairfield Warde High School, volunteering for the MPA, and serving on the Board of Greenfield Hills Congregational Church.

The daughter of a music teacher and former choir kid, she has always believed deeply in the power of music to bring people together, teach, and connect cultures and generations. Her oldest son spent 7 years as a part of the GCTYO brass program and continues to play in his horn college and in the Tacoma Concert band while her youngest son is a trombone and piano player. Her family's deep commitment to music, including her CEO husband who plays the

flute, started early and overseas when they lived in France and Germany and saw countless examples of music bringing people of different cultures and mindsets together.

Supporting music and young musicians through the GCTYO program has been one of the most meaningful opportunities of her time in Fairfield, and she is thrilled to continue that work through the GCTYO Executive Board.

Scott Telesz is currently a Partner at Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP), a part of BlackRock. GIP is a private equity firm that invests in the energy, transportation, and digital infrastructure sectors with over $180B in AUM. He joined GIP in 2018, is based in Stamford, CT, and his main focus is improving the operations of acquired assets.

Prior to joining GIP, Scott spent 8 years as an executive leader at Praxair, an industrial gas manufacturing company. Beginning in 2014 he served as an EVP, leading the company's U.S. atmospheric gases businesses, Canada and Surface Technologies. He joined Praxair in 2010 as an SVP, leading several businesses and functions, including Europe/Russia, Asia, Middle East, Strategic Planning and Global Procurement & Materials Management.

Prior to joining Praxair, Telesz was vice president of SABIC Innovative Plastics, a major division of Riyadh-based Saudi Basic Industries Corp., a global manufacturer of chemicals, fertilizers, plastics and metals. In this role, he managed the company's global resins business.

Prior to SABIC, Telesz held a variety of leadership positions with General Electric from 1998 to 2007 in its electrical products and plastics divisions, including M&A, sourcing, operations, logistics and general management. From 1989 to 1998, he held several management consulting positions in the U.S. and Australia with McKinsey & Company.

Telesz has served on the boards of directors of Edinburgh Airport, Hess Midstream, Enlink, and Rio Grande LNG, as well as the Board of Visitors of Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering. He also previously served on the Board of the International Oxygen Manufacturer's Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Duke University in 1989 and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School in 1994. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and teenage son, while their three daughters live and work in Chicago, New York City, and Stamford.

Fred Ury is a seasoned trial attorney in Westport, Connecticut, with over 40 years of experience in civil and criminal litigation. He was the co-founder of Ury & Moscow LLC, where he enjoyed a multi-decade tenure. Mr. Ury recently joined Pullman & Comley, LLC as a partner in 2022.

Mr. Ury has held leadership positions in legal organizations, including President of the Connecticut Bar Association (2004-2005) and the National Conference of Bar Presidents. He's received numerous awards, including the John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award, and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers since 2006.

Committed to community service, Mr. Ury has been a trustee of the Westport and Weston Foundation since 2009 and supports local families through the Hurburt Fund. His pro bono

work includes representing 9/11 victims before the Victims' Compensation Board. A longtime Westport resident, Mr. Ury advocates for Connecticut nonprofits and has dedicated his career to advancing justice and serving his community.

Mr. Ury's advocacy of GCTYO includes innumerable volunteer hours in legal services and paving connections to private foundation funding and bequests, ensuring that GCTYO thrives.