

# Board Member Profiles



**J. Michael Abbott** is founding Principal of Northeast Collaborative Architects which is Rhode Island's largest architectural firm with offices in Newport, Providence and Middletown, CT. Mr. Abbott is Chairman of the Exeter Planning Board and Vice-Chairman of the West Bay YMCA in North Kingstown.



**David Beauchesne** is Executive Director of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School, and, prior to that post, served as the Philharmonic's Director of Education and Community Partnerships. David also serves on the board of directors of the Rhode Island Citizens for the Arts.



**Letitia Carter** is the founder and Past President of the VETS Foundation. The current success of The Veterans Memorial Auditorium is directly tied to her commitment and tireless work on behalf of the facility.



**Cheryl Cohen** was recently promoted to Director of Marketing, PR & Booking for the DDC and RICC. Cheryl's career spans for over 30 years in the entertainment industry. Cheryl is a Regional Director of Marketing for SMG overseeing marketing directors in all SMG Arenas. She is a member of IAVM and is involved in several local non-profit fundraising organizations including the Tomorrow Fund and the Rhode Island Hospitality Association. She also sits on the board of the Rhode Island Sports Commission and many others.



**Kaitlyn A. Frolich** is the Founder, and Principal at Kaitlyn Alyce Event Architects. She holds a Bachelor of Interior Design from the Boston Architectural College. Kaitlyn has called Rhode Island her home since 2001 and is active in her community. She served as a Mentor for Rise for 2 years and was co-creator of the Central Falls Summer Arts Initiative which brought free summer art classes to the children of Central Falls, RI.



**Robert G. Flanders, Jr.** is a Partner at the Law Firm of Hinckley Allen where he chairs the firm's business litigation and municipal restructuring practice groups. He is a former Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. For over thirty years he has given freely of his time to multiple civic organizations throughout Rhode Island.



**William Thomas Humphreys (Tom)** is a corporate lawyer with Cameron & Mittleman LLP in Providence, Rhode Island. Tom is a lifelong music lover and is pleased to serve as the Vets Foundation general counsel. He and his wife, O'rya Hyde-Keller have two lovely children. Tom also serves on the board of directors of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island.



**James Koloski** is the Director of Client Services at Bond Brothers, Inc. in Providence and serves as Chairperson of the Marketing Committee for the VETS Foundation. Having the good sense to marry a native Rhode Islander he lives in Lincoln with his wife and two sons. A graduate of Merrimack College, James also coaches youth lacrosse for the Northern RI Lacrosse Association.



**Mark Malkovich** is General Manager of the Newport Music Festival, an internationally renowned chamber music festival held annually since 1969 in the Newport Mansions. He has spent over thirty years in music-related industries and resides in Newport, Rhode Island.



**Gerald L. Massa** is a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President with Wells Fargo Advisors. He is the President of the Brown Football Assn., a board member with the Ivy League Football Assn., and sits on the Executive Committee with the Brown Faculty Club. Jerry also holds a board position with the Providence Economic Development Partnership.



**Kathleen Pletcher** founded FirstWorks in 2004, transforming the one-night First Night Providence festival into a year-round performing arts and educational organization. With over 25 years of experience as an entrepreneur, Kathleen has founded three non-profit arts organizations and she has developed projects linking performances of new work with community engagement across Rhode Island.



**John McGinn** is a Senior Director at the Rhode Convention and Entertainment Complex, which consists of the Rhode Island Convention Center, Dunkin' Donuts Center and the Vet's Auditorium. A native Rhode Islander, John has represented the Complex since 1992. A resident of North Providence John is active in a number of community organizations including the Knights of Columbus and the Rotary Club of Providence.



**Lizzi Weinberg** is Head of Production at NAIL, a creative advertising agency in Providence, and serves as the Chairperson of the Opportunities Committee for the VETS Foundation. After living in the midwest and on the west coast, she feels lucky to have found her husband who led her to Rhode Island where they are raising their two young children in Providence.

## Additional Board Members

- **David Corbett**
- **David M. Winoker**, Treasurer of the VMAF

## Ex-Officio Board Members

- **Alan Chille**, General Manager, PPAC
- **James P. McCarvill**, Executive Director RICCA
- **Norbert Mongeon**, Director Of Finance, PPAC
- **Daniel Schwartz**, General Manager, VETS