

Young Artists Philharmonic Honors Frank Gaudio

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The Young Artists Philharmonic performing at Carnegie Hall in 2015. Contributed photo.

In a recent interview regarding his upcoming honor at the Young Artists Philharmonic gala, Frank shared his feelings about being recognized for his contributions to music education in the community:

“I am truly humbled to be this year’s honoree. Honestly, I don’t know what I’m doing here, but I guess it’s God’s way of showing me where I’m supposed to be,” Frank said, reflecting on his unexpected role as a major supporter of local music education.

Frank also discussed the importance of the organization and his reasons for supporting it: “What the Young Artists Philharmonic does for these kids is nothing short of miraculous. They provide not just training, but opportunities for these young musicians to grow, to shine. Supporting this cause, seeing these kids succeed—it’s deeply rewarding.”

Highlighting the significance of the upcoming gala and its impact, Frank added, “This event isn’t just about recognizing what we’ve done; it’s about pushing forward, raising the funds needed to keep this incredible program going. I’ve seen firsthand how it changes lives, and I am committed to making sure that continues.”

The gala, which will take place at the Greenwich Water Club, promises an evening of exquisite musical performances. Under the direction of Maestro Benjamin Grow, the Young Artists Philharmonic’s Chamber Orchestra will accompany international opera star Marcelo Guzzo. Adding to the lineup, Darwin Shen, acclaimed violinist and conductor of the organization’s Young Strings Ensemble, will showcase his virtuosity.

A highlight of the evening will be a performance by Cos Cob native Carla Fabiani, a violinist and alumna of the Young Artists Philharmonic. Fabiani is set to perform music from “Hell’s Kitchen,” a new Broadway musical inspired by the early life of Alicia Keys, adding a contemporary twist to the night’s classical theme.

The gala is supported by a host of local businesses and cultural advocates, including Steinway Pianos of Greenwich, represented by Sarah Venditti; First Bank of Greenwich with



Frank Gaudio, 2024 Honoree, President and CEO of the First Bank of Greenwich

its President and CEO Frank Gaudio; Tutor-Me-SOS, led by Mona Mitri who also serves as a Director at the Young Artists Philharmonic; and the Law Firm of David P. Stich, Esq.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Young Artists Philharmonic scholarship funds, ensuring the continuation of high-caliber musical training for aspiring young musicians. This initiative reflects the community’s commitment to fostering the next generation of musical talent.

For those interested in supporting this cause or attending the gala, further information can be obtained by contacting Maria Stich. This event not only celebrates Frank’s unwavering support but also propels forward the artistic aspirations of young musicians.

The Young Artists Philharmonic continues to be a beacon for musical excellence, with the gala serving as a testament to the power of community and music to change lives.

For ticket purchases and contributions, or to learn more about how you can support the Young Artists Philharmonic, please contact Maria Stich at maria.stich@youngartistsphil.org.

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Frank J. Gaudio

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