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**School Partners &
Educational Programs
2009-10**

East Fordham Academy for the Arts/ Bronx
Greater Newark Charter School/ Newark, NJ
Greenwich Village Middle School/ Manhattan
Hindley Elementary School/ Darien, CT
Hudson Honors Middle School/ Manhattan
Learning Community Charter School/ Jersey City, NJ
MS 260 Clinton School/ Manhattan
New Explorations Into Science, Technology and Math (NEST+m)/ Manhattan
NYC iSchool/ Manhattan
Peekskill Middle School/ Peekskill, NY
PS 77 Lower Lab School/ Manhattan
PS 102/ Manhattan
PS 183/ Manhattan
PS 230 Dr. Roland N Patterson/ Bronx
PS 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts/ Queens
PS 334 The Anderson School/ Manhattan
PS 40/ Manhattan
Royle Elementary School/ Darien, CT
Tokeneke Elementary School/ Darien, CT
Trinity Elementary School/ New Rochelle, NY
Validus Prep/ Bronx



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Grant History

The National Endowment for the Arts 2010

In support of Summer Conservatory 2010.

The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs 2009-2011

Three year program support for In-School and Summer Conservatory programs as well as Afterschool scholarship support.

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The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council 2006-2010

3 Creative Curriculum grants & 1 Manhattan Community Arts Grant.

The Friars National Association Foundation 2008

General program support

The New York City Council 2003-2010

Program support -American Musicals Family Workshop Program for NYC Middle Schools Computer School and Hudson Honors, DYCD CASA Grants

The Path Fund 2007-2009

Scholarship support- Wingspan Arts Summer Conservatory

I.W. Foundation 2006-2008

Scholarship support -Wingspan Arts Summer Conservatory

The BWF Foundation Inc. 2006-2008

Scholarship support-Wingspan Arts Summer Conservatory

Centennial Foundation 2006-2008

Scholarship support -Wingspan Arts Summer Conservatory

Mary Duke Biddle Foundation 2008

Scholarship support -Wingspan Arts Summer Conservatory

Con Edison 2007

Support of Wingspan Arts education programs

The New York Community Trust-Wallace Special Projects Fund 2007

Program support -Wingspan Arts In-school, Afterschool and Conservatory

David & Minnie Berk Foundation, Inc. 2005

Scholarship support-Trinity Elementary Afterschool programs

The Center for Arts Education 2003-2006

American Musicals Family Workshop Program



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Board of Directors Biographies

Dale B. Bernstein

Dale is the founder of *UnCommon Human Resources (UHR)*, an HR consultancy dedicated to helping organizations ensure that their HR programs are aligned with and supporting the overall business strategy. UHR is founded on the principle that great HR work combines exceptional people focus and interpersonal skills with strong business acumen. Prior to forming *UnCommon Human Resources HR*, Ms. Bernstein was the Executive Vice President of Global Human Resources for NYSE Euronext, the parent company of the NYSE. Ms. Bernstein graduated from the ILR School in 1976 is also a member of the ILR School Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dale also serves on the national board of PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays) where she chairs the Workplace Committee and serves as a member of the governing board of the social action/social justice committee for Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in NYC.

David Boehm

David is currently a NYC Teaching Fellow at Morris Academy for Collaborative Studies in the Bronx. In addition to teaching mathematics and providing tech support at the New Visions public high school, David remains a committed social entrepreneur - using his expertise in process re-engineering & financial operations/technology to affect positive change in our educational system. His past experience includes senior management roles at Brown Bros. Harriman, Alliance Capital, SWIFT and founder/CEO of NeXtgen Technology. Having spent almost 20 years working overseas (in London, India, Hong Kong & Singapore) David is an adaptable, out-of-the-box thinker and analytical problem-solver. He received graduate degrees from CUNY-City College and Boston University School of Management.

Nate Kemler – Treasurer

With more than 30 years of experience in financial services technology organizations, Nate heads up the Financial Service Practice for Acumen Solutions and has been instrumental in extending the company's reach into 5 of the 10 bulge bracket investment firms. Prior to Acumen Solutions, Nate held executive management positions at Bear Wagner Specialists, Merrill Lynch, Flexi-Van Financial Service Corporation and Electronic Data Systems. While at Bear Wagner, Nate worked in conjunction with NYSE developing strategies to bring new listings to market. Nate was born on the Lower East side of New York and received his early education through the New York City public school system. As a teen, Nate searched for an organization that would provide him with critical life lessons and a sense of direction. Nate found the camaraderie he was searching for at The Boy's Club of New York and became an active member. Through the generosity of the Boy's Club, he was able to attend high school in Maine, as well as Wagner College in Staten Island. Nate served in the United States' Armed Forces and received his BA from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.



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Ellen Levine

Ellen is a Senior Vice President at Marsh & McLennan specializing in information technology and computer systems development. Her background also includes training in architecture and interior design. She is a life long resident of New York and a participant in its vibrant cultural scene.

Tracy L. Mitchell

Tracy Mitchell was born in Savannah, Georgia but currently resides in the Bronx, New York. He graduated from New York University and received his Masters Degree from Alameda College. Tracy is currently working as a Financial Consultant for Robert Half International, Inc. From 1992–2005 he worked as a Financial Analyst at JP Morgan Chase. Tracy's interest in the non-profit world culminated with his recognition as Outstanding Volunteer of The Year 2003 at JP Morgan Chase. In addition to Wingspan Arts, Tracy also serves on the boards of Afro-Brazil Arts, Notes in Motion, and City at Peace.

Cheryl P. Vollweiler - President

Cheryl is a Partner in the New York office of Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry, LLP where she specializes in all aspects of insurance coverage and defense, representing domestic and foreign clients nationwide as well as international dispute resolution proceedings. Her areas of expertise include product liability, toxic torts, environmental, premises liability and general liability, among others. Her connection with the arts began at an early age with the influence of her grandfather, a Juilliard student who performed professionally with many greats. She studied flute privately early in life and considered attending conservatory (ultimately choosing a different path), but to this day the flute and the arts play a large role in her life.

Dawn L. Williams - Secretary

Dawn L. Williams is currently the Dean of Campus Life and Student Affairs at Drew University. Previously Dawn acted as the Dean for Community Development at Seton Hall University. She received her EdD. at Teachers College, Columbia University in Higher and Adult Education. She has degrees from Illinois State University and Pennsylvania State University. She has worked in the higher education field for over twenty years. In addition to her Wingspan Board membership, she also serves on the Board of Trustees for the South Orange/Maplewood Coalition on Race and the Alumni Council for Teachers College. Her areas of interest include creativity, human potential development and student leadership. Dawn is an artist, currently working with acrylic and paper.

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Executive Biographies

Gary Bernstein - Founder and Executive Director

Gary Bernstein founded Wingspan Arts in July 2001, bringing over 25 years of professional experience and background in business, marketing, producing and arts management to the non-profit organization. Prior to founding Wingspan Arts, Gary spent eleven years on the Board of Directors for Blue Heron Theatre where he was named Managing Director in 1994. Under his leadership as Executive Director, the Blue Heron Arts Center opened in February 1999 on East 24th Street in Manhattan.

During his tenure at Blue Heron, Gary's production and touring highlights included the Audelco Award winning drama *We Are Your Sisters*, a riveting tale about slavery seen by over 25,000 young people nationwide, Tony Vellela's *Admissions*, the true story of racial quotas at colleges, and a 25th anniversary revival of the Drama Desk Award nominated play *Medal of Honor Rag*, depicting Vietnam veterans suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. *Rescuers*, a drama about Christians who rescued Jews during the Holocaust, was presented by special invitation at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

Gary's Off-Broadway production credits include the 1999 co-production with Roger Alan Gindi of Tony Vellela's *What We Don't Confess*. Working with Queens Theatre in the Park, Gary developed and marketed *Celebrating Our American Heritage*, a theatre series for young audiences. Gary has also served on grants evaluation panels for the Rockefeller Foundation MAP grants for theatre and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.

A graduate of Cornell University, Gary spent sixteen years as a marketing executive at leading New York advertising agencies, where he worked with a variety of clients including Hershey Foods, Sheraton Hotels, Panasonic and Merck. Throughout the 1990s, Gary was a consultant and producer developing independent television, video and educational projects. Credits include 'Brooklyn, USA' a television documentary hosted by Oscar-winning actor Vincent Gardenia, 'What's Up?' a tourism video featuring Regis Philbin, and 'A Walk on The Wild Side,' a marketing video for the New York Zoological Society hosted by the legendary actor, Jerry Orbach.

Paul Ashley - Education Director

As Education Director, Paul oversees the program design and staffing for Wingspan Arts' educational programs in the Tri-State area. Paul supervises the hiring of over 150 teaching artists every year, and has a strong connection to the arts community in the greater New York area. He has been involved with Wingspan Arts as a teaching artist, site director and Associate Director of Afterschool Programs.

Before finding his way to Wingspan Arts, Paul spent a number of years traveling nationally and internationally as an actor. His many stage credits include Crazy For You (National Tour), Mame (w/Carol Lawrence and Loretta Swit), and Forever Plaid. Most recently in New York, he was seen in The Donkey Show (DJ) and in the new a cappella musical Minimum Wage: Blue Code Ringo!

A graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, Paul holds a BA in Musical Theatre.

Jessica Bashline - Producing Artistic Director

As Producing Artistic Director, Jessica serves as the creative leader for Wingspan Arts Productions, Special Events, as well as developing curriculum and performance choices for Wingspan's Conservatory programs.

Prior to joining Wingspan Arts, Jessica worked as an actor and director throughout the United States and Canada. She co-founded the Dodger Stage Holdings Children's Theatre Outreach Program and co-wrote and directed their first production, Jack and the Giant. In 2000, Jessica began working with kids, teaching acting in New York while on tour with Twelfth Night. She began working with Wingspan Arts in 2004 as a teaching artist, and in 2006 took over the reins over the Conservatory program.

A graduate of Boston University, Jessica holds a BFA in Acting.



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