



CONVERSATIONS IN THE ARTS

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"LI Arts Councils"

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PANELISTS



Beth Giacummo

Executive Director, Patchogue Arts Council

Beth is an artist, arts activist, curator and educator. She holds a BFA from the School of Visual Arts and MFA in New Forms from Pratt Institute. Beth is currently the Patchogue Arts Council • Museum of Contemporary Art L.I.

Executive Director and part time Gallery Director for the Farmingdale State College Memorial Gallery.

As an artist, she has exhibited her work both regionally and internationally including New York, Romania, Russia, Spain, Italy, Chile and Denmark. Beth has been a keynote speaker, presenter and lecturer at conferences and workshops, was and selected as an artist in residence for a US Department of Education Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination research project (2017-2019).

Beth has advocated for, and has made significant contributions to the LI Arts community through a multitude of engaging community opportunities. Her professional experiences range from arts education, higher ed, curriculum building, curatorial work, museum management, gallery management, exhibition direction, non-profit building, arts activism, fundraising and international program development for artists and students. Beth has been awarded a number of honors including; a certificate of congressional recognition and numerous proclamations from the NY government in recognition of her service to the community.



Elizabeth Mirarchi

Executive Director, BACCA

Liz Mirarchi is a visual artist and creative professional. She is currently the Executive Director at Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts, Inc. (BACCA), a nonprofit arts council serving the Town of Babylon and Long Island, NY.

Liz holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Integrative Arts and a minor in Entrepreneurship with honors in Art Education from The Pennsylvania State University School of Arts and Architecture and Schreyer Honors College.



Lauren Wagner
Executive Director, Long Island Arts Alliance

Lauren Wagner is the Executive Director of Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA), a non-profit arts organization servicing the creative sector island-wide. With 16 years of administrative, development, marketing, programmatic, and sales experience in both commercial and nonprofit arts organizations, she brings a diverse set of skills and perspectives to her work to support a culture where artists and arts organizations can thrive on Long Island.

MODERATOR



Marc Courtade
Executive Director, Huntington Arts Council

Marc Courtade is an experienced arts professional with over 30 years in the field. He is currently Executive Director of Huntington Arts Council, and has held management positions at LIU Post/Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and New York City Opera. He is a frequent lecturer on Musical Theatre and was a speaker for the New York Council for the Humanities for 8 years, lecturing on The Rodgers and Hammerstein Era: Reinventing Musical Theater and The Ethnic Musicals: Assimilation and Integration. As a performer, Marc's favorite roles have been Benjamin Franklin in *1776*, Max in *The Sound of Music*, Herbie in *Gypsy*, and Tommy Albright in *Brigadoon*.