



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

October, 2018

Friends and Neighbors,

As First Selectman, it is my privilege to welcome you to Westport's sixth annual TEA Talk. This event, presented by the Westport Arts Advisory Committee, has become a fall tradition, and one I always look forward to attending. TEA Talks have grown both in scope and audience size each year, offering a welcome opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with creative artists from our community who have achieved national and international acclaim in their chosen fields.

This year's theme could not be more appropriate. In a year where we have witnessed some troubling challenges related to our technology-centered world, we celebrate the positive opportunities for artistic collaboration and creation made possible by our online capabilities. Today's discussion, *The Arts Go Viral!* is moderated by David Pogue. He is joined by Jerry Goehring, Frederic Chiu and Randa Trivisonno. Each of these guests will share the unique and inspiring ways in which they have used technology to innovate and push boundaries in their respective artistic medium.

In other exciting tech news, this TEA Talk marks the official launch of the Arts Advisory Committee initiative, *Otocast*. This is a mobile app that takes users on a virtual tour of art, history and culture in Westport. With photos and audio recordings from local experts, this app will be an excellent guide for residents and visitors alike.

For over one hundred years, Westport has been a renowned arts community. Through the annual TEA Talk, we have a special opportunity to explore our artistic future and continue this legacy. Thank you for joining the conversation.

Sincerely,

James S. Marpe
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Open the camera app on your iPhone or Android. Frame the QR code, above, in the viewfinder. This will take you to the Otocast App in the (compatible to your phone) App Store. Download Otocast to your phone...you're now ready to take a virtual tour of Westport!

Westport Artist Honor Roll October 2017 - September 2018

Our Heritage Honor Roll recognizes artists and patrons in our community we have lost in the past year:

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| Perry M. Adato | Film Biographer |
| Alan Abel | Writer, musician, filmmaker |
| Brian Murray | Actor |
| Francis Patrick "P.J." Mitchell | Artist |
| Nadine Byrne Mayer | Dancer |
| Buell Neidlinger | Musician |
| Sumner Jules Glimcher | Filmmaker |
| Mort Walker | Cartoonist |
| Patricia Englund Lefferts | Actress |
| Brian P. Klarman | Musician |
| Ted Simons | Musician |
| Anne Mosebrook | Singer |
| Robert Satter | Photographer |
| Harry R. Eggart | Director |



Welcome

Richard Epstein, Co-chair, Westport Arts Advisory Committee

Opening Remarks

The Honorable James S. Marpe, First Selectman

Keynote, The Arts and Technology: New Audiences

David Pogue

Be More Chill

Jerry Goehring

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC) & Otocast

Randa Trivisonno

Sharing Music Virally with Disklavier

Frederic Chiu

Q & A with Presenters

Nancy Diamond, Co-chair, Westport Arts Advisory Committee

Deirdre Price, Otocast

Reception

Town Hall Lobby

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Westport Arts Advisory Committee



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*The Arts
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A Moderated Discussion



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David Pogue (Moderator) is the tech critic for Yahoo Finance, having been groomed for the position by 13 years as the personal-technology columnist for the *New York Times*. He's a monthly columnist for Scientific American and host of science shows on PBS NOVA. He's been a correspondent for *CBS Sunday Morning* since 2002. David is also a bestselling

how-to author. He wrote or co-wrote seven books in the "for Dummies" series, including *Macs*, *Magic*, *Opera*, and *Classical Casino Music*. In 1999, he launched his own series of complete, funny computer books called the Missing Manual series, which now includes 120 titles. David graduated summa cum laude from Yale with distinction in Music, and spent ten years conducting and arranging Broadway musicals in New York. He's won four Emmy awards, two Webby awards, a Loeb award for journalism, and an honorary doctorate in music. His media profiles include those on *48 Hours* and *60 Minutes*.



Frederic Chiu, pianist, performs in major venues on five continents, including Lincoln Center in New York, Kennedy Center in Washington, The Chatelet in Paris and the Mozarteum in Buenos Aires. He collaborates with classical music friends Joshua Bell, Pierre Amoyal, Gary Hoffman and the St. Lawrence String Quartet, as well as non-classical friends like jazz pianist Bob James or storyteller David Gonzalez, to bring the vivid live concert experience to all audiences. He is known for his innovative programming, including *Classical Smackdown*, a multi-year series in which composers face off in head-to-head comparisons, with listeners voting for their favorite composer. Chiu has more than 27 recordings, including the most extensive complete piano works of Prokofiev, works of Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Rossini and Grieg, as well as the Beethoven/Liszt Symphony V and the solo piano version of *Carnival of the Animals*. His latest projects include *Hymns and Dervishes*, music of Gurdjieff/de Hartmann, and *Distant Voices: Music of Claude Debussy & Gao Ping*. A regular on *St. Paul Sunday* and *Performance Today*, Chiu is a favorite of public radios across the country.

Jerry Goehring Productions, LLC. Jerry was a producer for: the Tony-nominated musical *A Christmas Story, the Musical*; the new off-Broadway musical *Frankenstein*; the national tour *Raisin' Cane* with Jasmine Guy; and the national tours of *Oh, Figaro*, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, *The Giving Tree* and *Definitely Doris*. Jerry served as the Executive Director/CEO of the Tony Award® – winning National Theatre of the Deaf. He also established the Actor's Academy, a theatrical training school for professional deaf and hearing artists at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. and the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, CT. As Director of Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, Jerry has full-charge of the 776-seat Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts and oversees the fast growing performing arts department, with nearly 800 performing arts students in music, dance and theatre.



Gerald A. Goehring (Jerry) is a Tony® and Grammy® nominated producer who has created and produced new projects across the country for more than twenty-five years. He is the lead producer of *Be More Chill*, the viral musical sensation moving to Broadway in February after a limited sold-out off-Broadway run. He is co-managing partner of Patriot Productions in NYC and President of

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Randa Trivisonno, Co-chair, WestPAC Committee with Inna Agujen, has a fashion background in design and production of women's apparel. She is an art enthusiast, previously a member of the Young Collectors Circle at the Guggenheim and a member of Genart. A collector of modern art for more than 20 years, Randa's favorite artists include Marc Chagall and Alexander Calder. She is

excited now to be involved in the preservation and educational opportunities for Westport's extensive art collection through WestPAC. In her free time, she is a Sustaining Member of the New York Junior League, a school volunteer where her children are currently enrolled in third (KHS) and seventh grade (CMS), and she enjoys tennis.



Deirdre Demakis Price is the subcommittee chair for the WAAC OtoCast project. She also sits on the board at The Westport Arts Center and is part of their annual fundraiser committee. Deirdre was raised in Westport, but lived overseas in London and Japan for more than twelve years before graduating from Connecticut College with a degree in Fine Arts and Economics. Her career as a graphic designer has included doing logos, ads and marketing for clients like Keds, Topsider and Donna Karan. She is presently a freelance graphic designer and also works in the event planning business.

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Westport Arts Advisory Committee

The goals of the Committee, founded in 1994 by the late Burt Chernow, are to:

Enhance the visibility of the arts in our community

Serve as a bridge between the arts and education

Encourage cohesiveness among artists, arts and cultural organizations and the general public

Strengthen the role the arts play in the lives of Westport residents

Preserve Westport's artistic heritage

Perpetuate Westport as a thriving center for artistic and cultural activity

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Nancy Diamond & Richard Epstein, Co-chairs

Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Frederic Chiu,

John Dodig, Lee Goldstein, Wendy Morgan Hunter,

Sandra Lefkowitz, Deirdre Price, Kelle Ruden,

Carole Schweid, Elizabeth Strick

Honorary Members: Ann Chernow and Ann Sheffer