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Harlan J. Fischer Elected Board Chairperson of the Art League of Long Island Board of Directors



The Art League of Long Island is pleased to announce Harlan J. Fischer has been elected to the position of Board Chairperson of its Board of Directors. An avid art collector, he has been a strong advocate for the Arts and Art League and in his new role as Board Chair will provide expert guidance in furthering the Art League's mission.

As President of Branch Financial Services, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor, Harlan J. Fischer has participated in the growth of one of Long Island's most respected financial services organizations, located in Smithtown since 1974. A graduate of Northeastern University, Harlan has received his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) professional designations from the American College in 1983. He also holds the Registered Financial Consultant (RFC) and the Certified Retirement Counselor (CRC) designations. He is a Registered Representative and Investment Advisor Representative of Cetera Advisors Networks LLC. Harlan has taught courses on investments and financial planning, and has lectured nationally on these subjects as well as financial strategies and estate planning.

An active leader in the community, Harlan J. Fischer has presided over the boards of a variety of non-profits over the past 25 years. He was the President of the Board of Directors of the Smithtown Township Arts Council from 1992-1997 and served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium through 2000. He has also served as president of the Smithtown Rotary Club (1997-1998), Metropolitan Contemporary Glass Group (2002-2010) and the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass (2012-2016). He also currently serves as the Chairman of the Planning Board of the Village of Head of the Harbor, NY.

Harlan and his wife Olivia started collecting art in 1992 and studio art glass in 1995. Harlan and Olivia are founding members of The Ennion Society at The Corning Museum of Glass and are Directors Advisory Circle members of the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook. He and Olivia have given arts scholarships to graduates of Smithtown High Schools since 1997. The couple are major sponsors of The Jazz Loft in Stony Brook as well as the Music Masters Mentorship Program at East End Arts and have consulted on major art projects including the medical center at SUNY Stony Brook. Harlan has given talks on art collecting from coast to coast. The Fischers have lived in the Town of Smithtown since 1973.

Since its inception in 1955, the Art League's mission as a not-for-profit organization has focused on enhancing Long Island's cultural life by promoting the appreciation, practice and enjoyment of the visual arts. The Art League offers classes and workshops for children and adults and the art gallery hosts a dozen exhibits per year featuring contemporary works by many local artists. For information call (631) 462-5400 or visit www.artleagueli.org.