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**GYPSY JAZZ NIGHT WITH “*CARAVAN OF THIEVES*” TO BENEFIT THE
CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

NORWALK, CT: Promising a dazzling gypsy-folk-jazz musical evening of spirit, swing and buffet, the event will honor two long-term passionate leaders in the arts & cultural scene throughout Fairfield County: James Naughton, a two-time Tony Award winning actor/singer (City of Angels, Chicago) and Elisabeth Morten, past president of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County.

Co-hosts and arts patrons Ann Sheffer and Liz Fox, along with sponsors Westport Resources, Cohen & Wolf, P.C., Berliner Law Offices, LLBH Private Wealth Management, Tallman Building Company, and Fairfield County Bank promise an evening to remember on Sasco Hill in Southport, CT, on Friday, June 5th at 7 pm, to benefit the nonprofit Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County.

The Cultural Alliance’s crucial regional support and promotional work creates powerful connections between our communities of diverse audiences, artists and organizations, big and small. Its website, FC Buzz, has become a key resource for members and audiences alike.

From a commitment to umbrella marketing for hundreds of its members, to creating networks for leadership/organizational development, to advocacy at the state and local level, the Cultural Alliance strengthens the delivery of our region’s vibrant arts and cultural resources and events, making a continued impact on our creative economic vitality, our renowned history in the arts and culture, and our celebration of the breadth and diversity of our regional offerings.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information or to purchase tickets starting at \$100, contact Kristen Runk at (203) 256-2329 or Kristen@CulturalAllianceFC.org

James Naughton, also known for his directorial, film, musical and television roles, is a longtime supporter of many, diverse area nonprofit organizations and has always taken a hands-on approach to his commitment as a passionate spokesperson for the arts & cultural community. He currently serves on the Artistic Advisory Council of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County. With characteristic charm he stated, "The Cultural Alliance keeps me on my toes about all of the arts events in Fairfield County. Can't get enough of them!"

Elisabeth Morten, currently a board member of the Cultural Alliance and of Fairfield County's Community Foundation, served as President and Chair of the Westport Country Playhouse Board of Trustees for nine years. Her contribution to Fairfield County's world of arts & culture is best described as innovative. She has dedicated herself to major leadership roles in transforming organizations during transitional periods. Elisabeth expressed, "The Cultural Alliance means so much to me. It's a great privilege to continue to work with such a dedicated and inspiring team."

More about the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County

The mission of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is to support cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses by providing promotion, services and advocacy. In addition to FC Buzz, the organization manages special programs for capacity building and professional development such as the Executive Director's Network, Marketing Roundtable, the Fairfield County Preservation Network, and Make.Art.Work. The Cultural Alliance also provides cultural leadership on matters of advocacy, grantmaking and creative placemaking.

Watch for arts and culture promotions via the Cultural Alliance's media partners: The Fairfield County Business Journal, WTNH-8's CTStyle, WPKN 89.5 FM, Moffly Media, Venu magazine, HamletHub, CTBites, and the Hearst Connecticut Media Group.

For more information, please visit www.CulturalAllianceFC.org or call (203) 256-2329. To learn more about what's happening in arts & culture throughout Fairfield County, visit www.FCBuzz.org. The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is located in the Gate Lodge at Mathews Park, 301 West Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

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