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### New Slate of Trustee Leadership at Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County

FAIRFIELD, CT (January 4, 2012) Elisabeth (Liz) Morten of Fairfield was elected president of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County's board of directors at a recent annual meeting. Ms. Morten succeeds Fritz Jellinghaus, who served as president since July of 2010.

From 2000 – 2009 Ms. Morten served as president and chair of the board of trustees of the Westport County Playhouse. A Tony-nominated producer, she began professional life as a singer, served as an investment officer and securities analyst for US Steel Pension Fund and Citibank and produced the Guildfest Concert Series in Southport, Connecticut. Currently, she chairs the Honorary Trustee Committee of the Westport Country Playhouse, is a member of the Broadway League, the National Council of American Theatre and the Connecticut Arts Alliance.

"It is an honor to be selected by the Board for this important position," Ms. Morten said. "I have a deep appreciation for the work of the Cultural Alliance in providing advocacy services to create a unified voice for the cultural sector. My predecessor, Fritz Jellinghaus, has done such a terrific job over the past several years and I look forward to working with Executive Director Ryan Odinak who has made the Cultural Alliance what it is today—an organization that strengthens the sector by building professional capacity and marketing the wide array of cultural attractions in Fairfield County."

The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County also welcomed Gay Tice to its board of directors. Ms. Tice advocates for the arts and has an admirable record of community service. She currently serves on the board of trustees for the Fairfield Theatre Company and has served on the boards of the Discovery Museum and the Sasqua Garden Club. Ms. Tice has had active roles with the CT Audubon and Birdcraft Museum, the Fairfield Museum and History Center, Eagle Hill School, and the Westport Country Playhouse among others. "We are excited to welcome Gay Tice to our board. She is an effective advocate for the arts in Fairfield County and a strong believer in community service," Ryan Odinak said.

In addition, recently re-elected board members include Anne Keefe of Weston, Lynette Turner of Milford, Gregg Dancho of Stratford, Nancy Freiler of Shelton, Kim Healey of New Canaan and Gillian Anderson of Trumbull. Other Board members are Tony Bosco of Stamford, Jeffrey Danile of New Canaan, Charlotte Hommel of Fairfield, Bill Kraus of Southport, and Patrick Morrow of Norwalk.

The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County was founded in July, 2008 with the mission of supporting cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses by providing promotion, services and advocacy. For more information, or to become a member of the Cultural Alliance, visit [www.culturalalliancefc.org](http://www.culturalalliancefc.org)

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