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NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raphael Bejarano, Dr. Raluca Dinu, Roy (Trey) D. Farmer III, Stephen Kahng, Dr. Avi Katz, Jackson Tai, and Ling Tian

Several leaders in the finance, technology, and philanthropic communities have been elected as new members of the Board of Directors of the New York Philharmonic.

The new members of the Philharmonic Board include Raphael Bejarano, co-head of global investment banking at Jefferies; Dr. Raluca Dinu, a global business executive and philanthropist; Roy (Trey) D. Farmer III, an entrepreneur, activist, and philanthropist; Stephen Kahng, a principal at Arboretum Capital; Dr. Avi Katz, founding managing partner and executive chairman of the board of GigCapital Global; Jackson Tai, a former CEO of DBS Bank and managing director at J.P. Morgan & Co.; and Ling Tian, an entrepreneur and philanthropist.

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Raphael Bejarano (elected to the Board in June 2023) is Jefferies’s co-head of global investment banking; he has lived between New York, London, and Tel Aviv. Bejarano previously served as a long-term volunteer and board member of Minds Matter of New York City.

Dr. Raluca Dinu (elected October 2023) is a global business executive with over 22 years of achievements in the high-tech industry, and an established track record of driving increased revenue and profitability; building and leading cross-functional teams; delivering strong results in turnaround or mergers and acquisitions situations; leading strategic growth; and consolidation in fast-paced business environments. Dinu is on the boards of numerous organizations and has founded five private-to-public equity companies since 2019. Her passion lies in driving successful businesses and leaving behind a legacy of mentoring the professional transition of brilliant teams from late-stage private companies to public companies. Dinu splits her time between her Palo Alto, California, and New York City residences, as well as Romania and Israel, where her family resides. Combining philanthropy with the high-tech world is very dear to her heart.

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Roy (Trey) D. Farmer III (elected March 2023) is an entrepreneur, activist, and philanthropist who splits his time between the US, Europe, and the Middle East. Farmer is president of the Harvard Glee Club Foundation, president of Queer Princeton Alumni, a member of the executive committee of the Princeton Alumni Council, and president of the Princeton University Glee Club Foundation. He has served on the boards of the London Symphony Orchestra, Istanbul State Opera and Ballet, and Opera Naples. Farmer holds a bachelor’s degree in classical philosophy from Princeton University, a master of arts in religion / master of philosophy degree from Yale University, and a master of education degree from Harvard University. Farmer is a frequent guest lecturer in the arts and humanities at universities in the US and Europe.

Stephen Kahng (elected June 2023) is a principal at Arboretum Capital, a family office. Outside of Arboretum, he has been devoting most of his time to philanthropy and nonprofit work through his family foundation. Kahng currently serves on the boards of the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, Asia Foundation, Austin Symphony, Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, Foreign Policy Association, and Blanton Museum of Art. He is also on the Texas Performing Arts and Development boards of the University of Texas. Kahng is on the advisory boards of The Australian American Leadership Dialogue and Crescendo Capital. In the past he served on the boards of the San Francisco Opera, Asian Art Museum, Carnegie Mellon University’s Center for International Studies, and Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. Kahng founded Power Computing Corporation in 1994 as chairman and chief executive officer; the company was acquired in 1999 by Steve Jobs at Apple Inc.

Dr. Avi Katz (elected October 2023) is the founding managing partner and executive chairman of the board of GigCapital Global, and spent his professional career in the high-technology sector. He is well recognized as an international serial entrepreneur, CEO, board of directors chair, angel investor, and philanthropist. Throughout his career he incepted and was involved in numerous high-tech private and public enterprises; bootstrapped and founded many companies; built leadership teams; led large-scale fundraising efforts; executed initial and secondary public offerings; established technology and business alliances, mergers, and acquisitions; and mostly enjoyed building high-tech legacies to last. Katz shares his time between his residences in Palo Alto, California, and New York City. He is married and is a proud father of four amazing children, two of whom live in Israel and two in the US, and grandfather of nine grandchildren.

Jackson Tai (elected March 2023) recently retired as a board member of Eli Lilly, Mastercard, and HSBC (where he was chairman of the Group Risk Committee). He is a finance and risk specialist, having served as CEO of DBS Bank (formerly the Development Bank of Singapore) and as a managing director in the investment banking division of J.P. Morgan & Co., where he was based in New York, Tokyo, and San Francisco. Other boards on which Tai has served include the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, Bank of China, and Singapore Airlines. He continues to act as a director of The Metropolitan Opera, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and WuXi Biologics in Shanghai. Jackson Tai received his bachelor’s degree from Rensselaer and his master of business administration from Harvard University. He grew up in New York City’s Chinatown.
Ling Tian (elected March 2023), a dedicated philanthropist, supports art and music in the belief that they transcend boundaries and facilitate understanding and friendship among nations. An established Chinese entrepreneur, she leads a family business that includes finance, aircraft leasing, highway construction, and real estate development, among other areas. Her family business, which spans three generations, pioneered private financing for the leasing of Boeing and Airbus aircrafts in China. It is a major shareholder of Jian Nan Chun, one of the top three liquor companies of China. Ling Tian continues to expand her family business into emerging fields in pursuit of sustainable growth and development.

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