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**REGIONAL BUSINESSES SPONSOR CULTURAL
ALLIANCE OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ACE AWARDS**

*Arts & Culture Empowerment Award Recipients will be honored
at May 19 Awards Breakfast*

Norwalk, CT (March 1, 2016) – **Westport Resources**, an independent investment and financial planning firm, has become the first Platinum Sponsor of The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County's (CAFC) Inaugural ACE Awards, a celebration of individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made a significant contribution to the Fairfield County community through arts and culture, , or who have enriched the arts and culture sector through volunteerism or patronage.

“The opportunity to support the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is not only an honor but a responsibility,” said John Vaccaro, CEO of Westport Resources, adding that the same qualities that define greatness in our communities and business leaders are the essence of art-inspiration, authenticity and engagement.

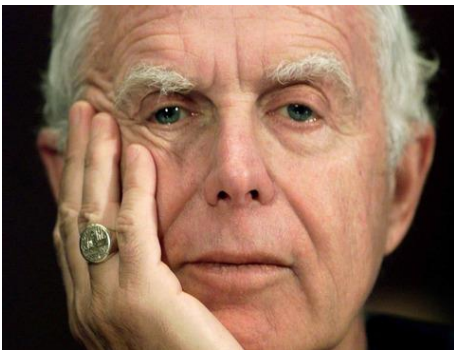
The ACE Awards will be given in five categories: Artist, Citizen, Corporate, Educator and Nonprofit. Recipients will be honored at an awards breakfast on May 19th at the Shore and Country Club in Norwalk, which will feature keynote speaker **Arthur Levitt**, the twenty-fifth and longest-serving chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Levitt will be introduced by **Karen Brooks Hopkins**, President Emeritus of the Brooklyn Academy of Music and current Senior Fellow in residence at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

CAFC also proudly announces ACE Award's Gold Sponsors **Cohen & Wolf**, a regional law firm that prides itself on community involvement and **Fairfield County Bank**. “It is great to partner with this wonderful organization that works so hard to strengthen the vitality of the communities we serve every day,” said Daniel L. Berta, President, Fairfield County Bank.

The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County supports cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses in Fairfield County through marketing, professional development and advocacy. For more information, visit www.CulturalAllianceFC.org. Sponsor and speaker photos below.



John Vaccaro, CEO of Westport Resources.



ACE Awards Keynote speaker: **Arthur Levitt**, 25th and longest serving Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Fairfield County resident



Karen Brooks Hopkins, President Emeritus of the Brooklyn Academy of Music and current Senior Fellow at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will provide introductory remarks

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