

An abstract painting of flowers in shades of purple, pink, and white, with yellow and orange accents. The style is expressive and textured, with visible brushstrokes and splatters. The composition is dense and layered, with various shades of purple and pink dominating the palette. There are also some yellow and orange spots scattered throughout, particularly in the center and lower right. The overall effect is vibrant and artistic.

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I am thrilled to welcome you to VLA's 2021 Champions of the Arts Awards and first virtual gala!

Since 1969, VLA has been dedicated to protecting the rights of artists and helping to ensure the continued vibrancy of New York's cultural landscape. This year has been particularly challenging. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented threats at every level, and the arts community has felt its impact through unprecedented financial strain from cancelled performances, shuttered galleries, dark theaters, non-payment and contract cancellation, insurance issues, and unemployment. With so many unknowns this year, artists and arts administrators have sought VLA's help in understanding their rights and their options for navigating the new reality. Together with our volunteer attorneys, Board and staff, VLA has been able to maintain, and even grow, our service to the arts community in new virtual formats. In addition to our regular programming that serves thousands of artists each year, we have provided expedited legal services, resources, and free educational webinars addressing issues directly related to the pandemic.

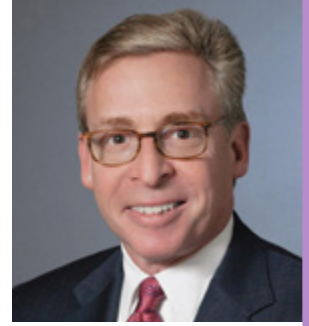
Tonight, it is our great privilege to honor two Legal Champions of the Arts, Jordan Fasbender and Michael Fricklas. We are so pleased to recognize the leadership roles they have both played as attorneys in the fields of media and entertainment.

Most importantly, thank you to all of you who have supported this event. With your generosity, the reach and impact of VLA will only grow as we continue to provide crucial services to the arts community. Together, we will help artists and arts organizations come out of this crisis stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Katie Wagner

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



On behalf of the Board and staff, welcome to Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts' 2021 Gala. Although we wish we were able to gather in person, we are so pleased that you have joined us virtually. Congratulations to Jordan Fasbender and Mike Fricklas, to whom we present VLA's Legal Champions of the Arts awards this evening. The arts and media legal community is lucky to have both of them in leadership positions, and it is an honor to recognize them here tonight.

At a time when the arts community continues to experience a multitude of challenges, we celebrate VLA's steadfast service to New York's artists and arts organizations. In partnership with law firms and volunteer attorneys, VLA continues to provide tens of millions of dollars in pro bono representation each year to thousands of artists who would otherwise lack access to legal services.

Over the past year, against all odds, VLA has served more artists than ever before. The growth in our services is in large part due to the generous support of the New York legal community, including many of you here tonight.

We celebrate your dedication to ensuring that New York artists and arts nonprofits receive the legal services they need, especially in this challenging time.

Thank you all for joining us and for supporting VLA's mission.

With warm regards,

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Jordan R. Fasbender serves as the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of iHeartMedia, where she oversees iHeart's legal, business and government affairs. In this role, she provides leadership and strategy on a wide variety of issues including corporate governance, strategic transactions, securities, digital technology, intellectual property, litigation, employment, regulatory and privacy.

She previously served as Deputy General Counsel of iHeartMedia and as Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Twenty-First Century Fox, where she provided strategic counsel on everything from M&A to corporate finance, SEC compliance and corporate governance. She also served as a lead team member on The Walt Disney Company's acquisition of 21st Century Fox and the spinoff of FOX Corporation. Previously, Ms. Fasbender was an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where she advised clients on a broad range of corporate matters.

Ms. Fasbender has a B.A. from Emory University and earned her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.

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MICHAEL D. FRICKLAS

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Chief Legal Officer
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Michael D. Fricklas is Chief Legal Officer at Advance, where he is responsible for all legal matters and government relations.

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Until April 2017, Mr. Fricklas was a top executive at Viacom. He joined Viacom in 1993 and became EVP, General Counsel and Secretary in 1998. He joined Viacom after handling transactional work for Shearman & Sterling and as a general counsel of a smaller company.

Mr. Fricklas is a frequent panelist and lecturer on corporate governance, cybersecurity and the law, and the business of entertainment.

Mr. Fricklas is past president of The Association of General Counsel and currently serves as a member of New York's Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, as a member of the Board of Counsellors of Equal Justice Works, and as a leader of the group "No Labels," which promotes bipartisanship in the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Fricklas also serves as Secretary and member of the Board of Jazz at Lincoln Center, as co-chair of the UJA Entertainment and Media group, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Boston University.

Mr. Fricklas was named one of "America's 50 Outstanding General Counsel" by the National Law Journal, and has received numerous awards, including the Legal 500 Entertainment Individual of the Year.

Mr. Fricklas received a B.S.E.E. from the University of Colorado's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Boston University School of Law.

He is married to Donna Astion, a New York orthopedic surgeon, and has four daughters.

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ELISABETH CONDON Artist and VLA Client

Elisabeth Condon creates paintings and works on paper that overlap natural and built environments by referencing décor, abstraction, and scrolls. Linking the harmonious compositions in ink-and-brush painting with the wallpapers of her childhood home, Condon incorporates bird and flower motifs in paintings and public art works such as *Urban Idyll*, commissioned by MTA Art & Design Percent for Art for the NYCT Astoria-Ditmars Blvd. Station in Queens.

Condon's paintings are held in the collections of Tampa Museum of Art, Pérez Art Museum Miami, the United States Embassy Beijing, and numerous private collections throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. She is a recipient of the Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters and Sculptors Grant, a Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant, and a Florida Individual Artist Fellowship, and has been a Fellow at Swatch Art Peace Hotel Shanghai, UCross, Yaddo, and MacDowell. Her work is represented by Emerson Dorsch, Miami.

Condon holds degrees from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago (MFA) and Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design, Los Angeles (BFA). She lives and works in New York City.



Artwork: *In the Garden: Summer*. 2017
54 x 72 inches. Acrylic, Chinese ink on linen.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE



BAETHOVEN

Multi-Instrumentalist
and VLA Client

A true product of New York City's melting pot culture, this blasian multi-genre, multi-instrumentalist's performances showcase that unique blend. From busking subway cars to Lincoln Center, and with over a million international streams of her band Circadian Clock's music and a recent feature with Taimane on NPR's Tiny Desk, Baethoven's bombastic, humorous and technical playing has entertained audiences across the country. Doing everything from classical, country, rock, world, jazz and hip hop, she's worked with Fat Joe, Ezra Miller, Foxy Brown, Taimane, and Sean Gill (Britney Spears, Madonna). It's been a wild ride - but that's just her speed.

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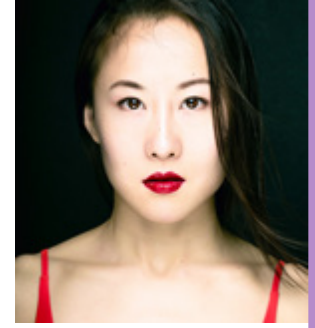
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- JJ French, Guitarist of Twisted Sister

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YIN YUE

Artistic Director of
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Yin Yue is an internationally recognized performer and choreographer. Born and raised in China, she trained in Chinese classical and folk dance, as well as classical ballet technique at Shanghai Dance School. Following her dream to move to New York City, Yin continued her studies at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts where she received an MFA in contemporary dance in 2008.

Over years of practice and study, Yin has fused her training in eastern and western movement into an original contemporary dance technique - FoCo Technique™ - that has become the signature style of her performance, choreography and teaching.

Together with her husband Joseph Tedeschi in 2018, Yin formed YYDC as a non-profit contemporary dance company dedicated to the production, performance and teaching of her work and original dance technique. She serves as the Artistic Director of YYDC and is working to develop FoCo Technique™ into a teaching system to advance the practice and understanding of movement and dance.

Yin's choreography has been recognized with numerous awards and prestigious teaching and performance commissions, including Pennsylvania Ballet, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Limon Dance Company, Gibney Company, The Juilliard School, Johns Hopkins University, Barnard College and Tisch School of the Arts.

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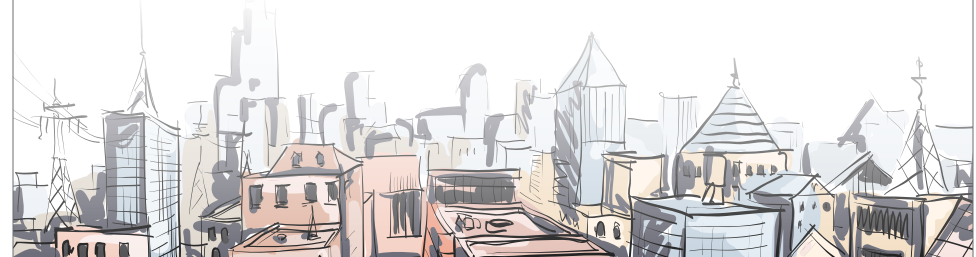


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1938-2020



VLA remembers Terrence McNally, one of the great luminaries of American theater, who we had the high privilege of honoring with our Creative Champion of the Arts Award in 2015. Sadly, last year Terrence passed away from complications related to COVID-19.

Throughout his life, Terrence wrote three dozen plays, books for 10 musicals, libretti for a quartet of operas, and won four Tony awards. A pioneer of the gay rights movement, Terrence was one of the first playwrights to explore gay characters in his work.

VLA's thoughts go out to his husband and loved ones.

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