

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY HOSTS 4th ANNUAL WOMEN'S TEA TO SUPPORT ARTS ACCESS INITIATIVES February 25, 2020**

**New Brunswick, NJ** (February 11, 2020)—State Theatre New Jersey will host its 4th annual **Women's Tea on Tuesday, February 25, 2020** to raise funds for State Theatre New Jersey's arts access initiatives. The event includes a networking hour and special performance by violinist Suliman Tekalli, a Center for Musical Excellence Young Artist. Tickets and sponsorships are available from \$175, and both men and women are welcome to help support this important cause. For tickets, call 732- 247-2700, ext. 594 or email [Lvanderveer@stnj.org](mailto:Lvanderveer@stnj.org). For more information visit [STNJ.org/WomensTea](http://STNJ.org/WomensTea).

"We look forward to hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Tea and welcoming guests to this wonderful event in support of the State Theatre New Jersey's mission to create arts access to people of all ages and backgrounds," said **Sarah K. Chaplin, State Theatre New Jersey President & CEO**.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, State Theatre New Jersey is committed to giving back to the community, providing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth in free and greatly-subsidized admissions for mainstage and educational programs annually. Over 40,000 underserved individuals statewide benefit—including students from low-income schools, veterans, children on the autism spectrum, seniors, charities, and local families.

The Women's Tea is a major component of State Theatre New Jersey's year-round efforts to support women's leadership and welcome professional women and community leaders to connect with each other through the performing arts—over special events, panel discussions, networking gatherings, and world-class performances.

### **About the Women's Tea Program**

Featuring special guest and Center for Musical Excellence Young Artist and violinist **Suliman Tekalli**, and a conversation with **State Theatre's President & CEO Sarah K. Chaplin**. The

Women's Tea program will recognize the valuable contribution artists and attendees have had on the community, through their dedication to dozens of charities, public service, their families, and their commitment to excellence.

The Women's Tea committee includes **Anne Marie Almasi**, Almasi Site and Utility Company; **Barbara Barnett**, Entrepreneur; **Betsy Garlatti**; **Sally Glick**, SobelCo; **Colleen Logan**, SobelCo; **Anne Picone**, Marketsmith; **Jessica Viotto**, PNC; and **Wendy Wiebalk**, Cahn & Parra, LLC (State Theatre Trustee).

### **About Suliman Tekalli**

Violinist **Suliman Tekalli**, a Center for Musical Excellence Young Artist, has established unique voice as an exciting and versatile soloist, chamber musician, and composer. He has performed with orchestras throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Central America, Europe, and Asia. He and his sister, pianist Jamila Tekalli, frequently perform together as the Tekalli Duo. Deeply committed to making classical music accessible to all, Suliman has shared his talent by teaching and performing in classrooms and a variety of community settings. A native of Daytona Beach Florida, he attended the Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Yale School of Music, where he completed his Artist Diploma.

### **About State Theatre New Jersey**

*The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.*

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