

Columbus Centre Board of Directors

As of May 20, 2021

CHAIR

Maria Orsini

Maria Orsini is the EVP Finance and Administration at Cundari. For more than 33 years, she has been responsible for Finance/Accounting Human Resources and Administration. Prior to working at Cundari, she was a Financial Analyst for Kraft General Foods, and Assistant Treasurer and Senior Accountant for Nestlé Canada. Maria graduated from the University of Toronto majoring in Economics and Accounting. She is a member of ICD and received the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Board Effectiveness Program certificate.

Maria was Chair of the Centered on Children Daycare Board 1993-1995 and sat on the Toronto BIA Marketing Committee from 2008-2015. She is currently the Columbus Centre Board Chair and sits on the Villa Charities Nominating and Governance Committee and the Villa Charities Resources Committee.

VICE-CHAIR

Marianne Corigliano

Marianne is an Elementary Guidance Counsellor with TCDSB. Prior to this, she had a twenty-year career in Hospitality where she was Director of Business Development for Dynamic Hospitality and Entertainment Group. Marianne is passionate about the Italian community. She has been a board member of NCIC, CIBPA Education Fund and CIBPA where she held the position of President. She is also Treasurer of the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers North York Sub-Unit. Marianne is currently Vice-Chair of the Columbus Centre. Over the years, Marianne has been actively involved with VCI's cultural events, including Villa d'Arte and La Befana, as well as the Cultural and Food and Beverage Committees.

TREASURER

Carlo Crozzoli

Carlo is a corporate director and senior executive with 30 years experience in large companies as well as entrepreneurial start-ups. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and has earned the Institute of Corporate Directors designation, ICD.D, through the Rotman School of Management.

Carlo has served on the Columbus Centre Board of Directors since 2019 where holds the position of Treasurer and is part of the Executive Committee. He is also on the Boards of Demand Power Group and DUCA Financial Services Inc. and serves as an advisor to Five Points Ventures Inc. Carlo has previously served as the senior executive in charge of strategy, mergers and acquisitions and project development and as the Chief Risk Officer at a large Ontario-based energy company. Through these experiences he brings to the Columbus Centre Board expertise in strategy development and execution, collaboration and consensus-building and financial and risk management.

SECRETARY

Mary Venezia

Mary has been a Director of the Columbus Centre Board since 2014 and most recently began her role as Secretary in 2020. She brings with her over 20 years experience with the Province of Ontario in senior management roles running large scale, public facing operations across the Province, to Ontario citizens and businesses. Her areas of expertise include leading in the areas of: operations/service delivery, customer service, contact centre management, outreach and education, strategic planning, operational policies and partnerships as well as leading numerous transformational projects. She has worked for various ministries including Finance, Attorney General and Government and Consumer Services and over the years has received multiple awards for quality service and achieving excellence.

Before joining the public service, Mary worked in the legal field as a licensed paralegal with the Law Society of Upper Canada, now the Law Society of Ontario. As a paralegal, she worked for law firms, ran her own business and taught paralegal courses through business colleges. Her educational background includes studies in music, law and business administrative studies.

DIRECTOR

Armando Cristinziano

Armando Cristinziano has been a Columbus Centre member for the past 23 years. He is retired with over 32 years in Education. He started his career as a French and Italian High School teacher, with the North York Board of Education, and for the last 17 years he was promoted as the District-Wide Co-ordinator for Classical, International and Native Languages for the Toronto District School Board. Armando was also very involved in developing curriculum materials for the Ontario Ministry of Education. He has a lot of experience working with community groups, and in particular with the Italian Canadian community in view of language and culture and brings this genuine passion to the Columbus Centre Board.

DIRECTOR

Anna D'Orazio-Sgro

Anna D'Orazio-Sgro is an educator who has worked extensively in social services and community outreach as a manager of a community service agency assisting families in downtown Toronto. She has also been an instructor of child development at Ryerson University and educational psychology at York University as well as a liaison between the universities and students in community placements. She was a consultant for COSTI Immigrant services and assisted in developing a training program for new Canadians.

She has been a Columbus Centre Board Member for three years and is also a member of the Family Council of Villa Colombo Toronto and the Villa Colombo Toronto Family Support Group.

DIRECTOR

Anna lafrate

Anna lafrate is the current Chair of Culture at Columbus Centre, and in the past was a member of the Athletics committee. Anna is an Office Administrator with an employment consulting firm in Toronto, specializing in the placement of senior financial and business professionals. She lives in the neighbourhood and has been involved as a Columbus Centre board member for 18 years. Anna was a key member of the organizing committee for the first Villa d'Arte fundraising event held at Villa Colombo.

EX-OFFICIO

Joseph Arcuri (Villa Charities Inc. / Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery Chair)

Joseph Arcuri, CPA, CA, is the Chief Financial Officer of NRStor. He has been a Director of BioSyent Inc. since 2018 and is currently Chair of the Audit Committee and Disclosure Policy Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Arcuri started his professional career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers within its assurance group and later was president of AOL Canada. Joseph is a passionate Senior Account Executive with 29 years of experience working collaboratively with seniors, employees, members, partners, government and other vested stakeholders.