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Silvia Davi Named as "Contributor in Residence" at **Old Westbury Gardens**

Culture & Editorial Contributor to Highlight the Rich History of Iconic Long Island Landmark

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OLD WESTBURY, NY, July 31, 2025 — Old Westbury Gardens, the historic Long Island Gold Coast estate and nonprofit cultural institution, and Renaissance Minds founder Silvia Davi, a seasoned global public affairs and business strategist, are pleased to announce Davi's appointment as the organization's first ever "Contributor in Residence." In this capacity, Ms. Davi will leverage her editorial voice and storytelling expertise to spotlight Old Westbury Gardens as a cultural and historical Long Island landmark. Her contributions will include original blog features, social media content, and curated communications to highlight the Gardens' programs, seasonal events, and the unique sponsor opportunities available throughout the iconic landmark.

As Contributor in Residence, Ms. Davi will draw upon her background in global corporate communications and content creation to spotlight Old Westbury Gardens' historic estate, gardens, and cultural programming. The initiative is part of a broader effort by the Gardens to deepen awareness of the rich New York history on Long Island and the spirit that continues to shape Old Westbury Gardens today as it builds engagement with the public.



Silvia Davi

"We are thrilled to welcome Silvia to Old Westbury Gardens," said Maura Brush, President and CEO of Old Westbury Gardens. "Her unique blend of strategic insight, editorial expertise, and passion for Old Westbury Gardens makes her an ideal partner in helping us share the history and vibrancy that make this place so special — and in bringing the Gardens to a wider audience who can truly benefit from all that we offer here."

Silvia Davi commented: "As a lifelong New Yorker and a lover of history and culture, I've always been captivated by the rich legacy of the Gold Coast of Long Island. Old Westbury Gardens has long stood out as a hidden gem for me with deep meaning. With its breathtaking grounds, cinematic history, and an ambiance that evokes The Great Gatsby era, Old Westbury Gardens remains a vivid symbol of the elegance and influence of Long Island's North Shore. On a personal note, it was the backdrop for my Victorian-themed wedding day photos and a place I've returned to with my family for holidays, special occasions, or even a casual stroll."



"As we mark the 100th anniversary of Fitzgerald's iconic novel, I'm honored to celebrate the timeless spirit of this remarkable era and share some of the fascinating stories behind Old Westbury Gardens of the past and present," added Silvia Davi.

About Silvia Davi

Ms. Davi is an accomplished business development, marketing and corporate communications executive, entrepreneur, board member, and cultural contributor. Currently, President and Co-Founder of <u>V&S Strategic Consulting</u>, a global corporate development, marketing, brand, investor relations and communications firm that specializes in financial services, technology, and lifestyle sectors including the arts, music, travel, and sports. Prior to that, Silvia worked at various Fortune 500 companies, early-stage ventures, and global nonprofits, in leadership roles with a strong focus on innovation, corporate development, partnerships, marketing and public engagement.

About Old Westbury Gardens

Built in 1906 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Old Westbury Gardens is the former home of John S. Phipps; his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps, and their children. Today, as a not-for-profit organization, Old Westbury Gardens welcomes visitors of all ages for a wide range of historical, cultural, artistic, educational, horticultural events, and more. Old Westbury Gardens seeks to inspire appreciation of the early 20th century American country estate through faithful preservation and interpretation of its landscape, gardens, architecture and collections. Connect with us at

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