

# Speakers

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## GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER

Governor Charlie Baker was sworn in for a second term as the 72nd Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on January 3, 2019, after a first term focused on moving Massachusetts forward through bipartisan, results-driven leadership.

Governor Baker has used public and private partnerships to spur economic development, reformed the state's regulatory environment, and delivered critical tax relief by doubling the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Ensuring Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in education, Governor Baker has made historic investments in K-12 education, increased support for vocational and technical schools, and expanded early college opportunities for high school students.

Governor Baker has put Massachusetts at the forefront of fighting the opioid and heroin epidemic, doubling spending on prevention, education, treatment, and recovery and signing two major bills that have served as models for other states.

Confronted with the challenges of rising energy costs and a changing climate, Governor Baker has taken nation-leading steps to diversify the Commonwealth's energy portfolio, safeguard residents, municipalities and businesses from the impacts of climate change, and secure progress toward greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Prior to his election, Governor Baker was a highly successful leader of complex business and government organizations, serving as a cabinet secretary to both Governor William Weld and Paul Cellucci, and leading Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, as CEO, from the brink of bankruptcy to one of the nation's highest ranked health care providers.

Raised in Needham, Governor Baker and his wife Lauren reside in Swampscott, and are the proud parents of their three children, Charlie, AJ, and Caroline.

## JEFFREY D. DRUCKER

Jeffrey Drucker, Board Chair of Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), has been a volunteer leader at HSL for 20 years. In addition to serving on the HSL Board of Directors, Jeff has been chair of the Development Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, and President of the Friends of HSL. Jeff has been developing, managing and investing in a variety of property types for over 20 years through various family-owned entities including The Atlantic Interests Limited Partnership and Gerard Management Group, Inc. Jeff is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Belmont Hill School, serving as a member of the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Facilities Committee. Jeff also serves as a Member of the Corporation at the Winsor School. A native of Newton, Jeff is a graduate of Emory University and holds an MBA from Babson College. Jeff and his wife Jennifer live in Chestnut Hill with their three children, Emily, Matthew, and Daniel.

## YO-YO MA

Yo-Yo Ma's multi-faceted career is testament to his enduring belief in culture's power to generate trust and understanding. Whether performing new or familiar works from the cello repertoire, collaborating with communities and institutions to explore culture's role in society, or engaging unexpected musical forms, Yo-Yo strives to foster connections that stimulate the imagination and reinforce our humanity.

With partners from around the world and across disciplines, he creates programs that stretch the boundaries of genre and tradition to explore music-making as a means not only to share and express meaning, but also as a model for the cultural collaboration he considers essential to a strong society. It was this belief that inspired Yo-Yo to establish Silkroad, a collective of artists from around the world who create music that engages their many traditions.

In August 2018, Yo-Yo began a new journey, setting out to perform Johann Sebastian Bach's six suites for solo cello in one sitting in 36 locations around the world, iconic venues that encompass our cultural heritage, our current creativity, and the challenges of peace and understanding that will shape our future. Each concert is an example of culture's power to create moments of shared understanding, as well as an invitation to a larger conversation about culture, society, and the themes that connect us all.

Yo-Yo Ma was born in 1955 to Chinese parents living in Paris. He began to study the cello with his father at age four and three years later moved with his family to New York City, where he continued his cello studies with Leonard Rose at the Juilliard School. After his conservatory training, he sought out a liberal arts education, graduating from Harvard University with a degree in anthropology in 1976. He has performed for eight American presidents, most recently at the invitation of President Obama on the occasion of the 56th Inaugural Ceremony. He plays three instruments, a 2003 instrument made by Moes & Moes, a 1733 Montagnana cello from Venice, and the 1712 Davidoff Stradivarius.

## KELLI O'HARA

Stage and screen star Kelli O'Hara has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. Her portrayal of Anna Loenowens in *The King and I* garnered her the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League, Outer Critics and Olivier Nominations. She reprised the role while making her West End debut, and performed a limited engagement at Tokyo's Orb Theatre.

Kelli also received an Emmy nomination for her portrayal of Katie Bonner in the hit web series *The Accidental Wolf*. Other film and television credits include: Season 2 of Netflix's *13 Reasons Why*, *All the Bright Places*, *Peter Pan Live!*, *Sex & The City 2*, Martin Scorsese's *The Key to Reserva*, Showtime's *Master of Sex*, *The Good Fight*, *Blue Bloods*, *N3mbers*, and the animated series *Car Talk*.

Other Broadway credits include *Kiss Me Kate* (Tony, Drama League, OCC nominations), *The Bridges of Madison County* (Tony, Drama Desk, Drama

League, OCC nominations), *Nice Work if You Can Get It* (Tony, Drama Desk, Drama League, OCC nominations), *South Pacific* (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC nominations), *The Pajama Game* (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC nominations), *The Light in the Piazza* (Tony, Drama Desk nominations), *Sweet Smell of Success*, *Follies*, *Dracula* and *Jekyll & Hyde*. She was awarded the prestigious Drama League's Distinguished Achievement in Musical Theatre Award in 2019.

In 2015, she made her Metropolitan Opera debut in Lehar's *The Merry Widow* opposite Renee Fleming and returned as Despina in Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*. Her concerts have gained international acclaim, spanning from Carnegie Hall to Tokyo. She is a frequent performer on PBS's live telecasts, The Kennedy Center Honors and performs often alongside The New York Philharmonic. Along with her two Grammy nominations, her solo albums, *Always* and *Wonder in the World*, are available on Ghostlight Records.

Next up, Kelli will star alongside Christina Baranski & Cynthia Nixon in HBO's new series *The Gilded Age* shooting in New York City this fall.

### **ALVARO PASCUAL-LEONE, MD, PHD**

Alvaro Pascual-Leone, MD, PhD, is a Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, and a Senior Scientist at the Hinda and Arthur Marcus Institute for Aging Research and Medical Director of the Center for Memory Health at Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL).

Dr. Pascual-Leone is an international leader in the study and modulation of human cortical plasticity and a pioneer in the use of non-invasive brain stimulation and its application for the study of brain behavior relations and the development of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions in neuropsychiatry.

A major current focus of Dr. Pascual-Leone's scientific work is to characterize and promote brain health across the lifespan, prevent age-related cognitive decline, and minimize disability in patients with neuropsychiatric disorders while gaining fundamental insights into human brain function.

Dr. Pascual-Leone directs the Barcelona Brain Health Initiative — a multiyear, longitudinal effort supported by La Caixa and Institut Guttmann, that aims at identifying markers of brain health across the lifespan and developing and testing multimodal interventions and lifestyle changes that sustain brain health and prevent age-related cognitive decline. Dr. Pascual-Leone also oversees a number of ongoing research studies that examine the utility of personalized, home-based noninvasive brain stimulation to improve memory, mood and cognition.

Dr. Pascual-Leone has published more than 800 scientific peer-reviewed papers. Thomson Reuters has recognized him as one of the world's top 15 neuroscientists, and one of the "World's Most Influential Scientific Minds." He has been honored with many international awards and is an elected member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Science.

At Hebrew SeniorLife, Dr. Pascual-Leone also sees patients as a cognitive neurologist and dementia specialist in the Center for Memory Health,

where the focus is on comprehensive, patient-centered, personalized care and multi-disciplinary, holistic support of individuals with cognitive decline, their families and caregivers.

### **LOUIS J. WOOLF**

Louis J. Woolf is President and CEO of Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), an integrated, eight-site system of health care, housing, research, and teaching that is committed to redefining the experience of aging, and directly serves more than 3,000 Greater Boston seniors on a daily basis. From innovative housing options, to post-acute health care, to its Marcus Institute for Aging Research, and to the education of future geriatric caregivers, each component of this Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate is designed to help keep seniors thriving and provide the highest quality of life. The HSL system includes Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston, continuing care retirement communities NewBridge on the Charles in Dedham and Orchard Cove in Canton, five senior supportive housing sites in Brookline, Revere, and Randolph, and a wide array of home- and community-based services throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Woolf earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Brandeis University in 1976, and a Master of Business Administration in marketing and finance from Columbia University Graduate School of Business in 1978. He began his career in consumer packaged goods management with The Gillette Company, and in 1985 founded Horizon Management Group to offer a full range of services for the financing, management, and marketing of new business initiatives. From 1995 to 2003, he served in various leadership positions within the CareGroup Healthcare System, including Chief Operating Officer of New England Baptist Hospital and Senior Vice President of System Development and Communications for all of CareGroup's hospitals. From 2003 to 2009, Mr. Woolf served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of North Shore Medical Center, a multi-site community hospital and health care provider within the Partners Healthcare System. In 2009, Mr. Woolf came to Hebrew SeniorLife as President, and was elevated to President and CEO in February of 2013. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Healthcare Collaborative, the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Long Term Care Reopening Working Group, the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and that Association's Diversity, Health Equity and Inclusion Committee and Continuum of Care Council, the latter which he chairs.