



Dan Arrighi & Sam Joseph

Dan and Sam first met as Fraternity Brothers while in College, and have been together ever since. (Sam refuses to disclose how many years that has been!) For the past 25 years, they have lived in South Orange, Glen Ridge, South Orange (yes, a second time), and now Montclair. They feel very fortunate to have lived in these areas where they have not only been accepted, but embraced, when that is not always the case for people like them who live in some other areas of the U.S. They are humbled to be honored this evening by SOPAC, where they have been involved in various capacities since its

inception, and have been entertained and enriched by its programming.

Sam Joseph

Sam is a realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices (BHHS) New Jersey Properties who specializes in the luxury market in South Orange, Glen Ridge, Maplewood, Montclair, and the Llewellyn Park neighborhood in West Orange. For three years in a row, Sam has been named the #1 agent company-wide at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices NJ out of over 750 Agents in 21 offices in NJ. He is the #1 Agent in volume of the West Essex Board of Realtors. He received the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices 2016 and 2017 Chairman's Diamond Award, the highest level attainable at this Brokerage which has offices throughout the Country. Sam has been awarded the NJ REALTORS Circle of Excellence Sales Award at the Platinum Level 6 years in a row (2012-2017).

In 2007 & 2008, the HGTV show, "Bought and Sold," featured Sam as a Luxury Home Specialist and focused on his upscale listings and celebrity clientele. Sam has more than 15 years of experience in decorating and design, which makes him uniquely talented as a Realtor. Sellers benefit from his design expertise which helps them style and stage their homes to achieve maximum value.

When Sam was Vice President & Creative Director of Macy's Herald Square NYC, he was responsible for the Flagship store's world famous Holiday Windows and the annual Flower Show. While Sam and Dan lived in London, Sam was Window Director for London based Harvey Nichols, Europe's premier fashion retailer, where his windows created quite the buzz when depicting the Royal family in its world famous windows.

Since 1993, Sam and Dan have been fortunate enough to live in some of the most prominent homes in South Orange, Glen Ridge, and Montclair, each of which they lovingly restored.

A fervent believer in giving back to the community, Sam's philanthropic endeavors have

included numerous beautification and public relations projects in South Orange and Glen Ridge. Sam served on the South Orange Board of Adjustments as well as the Boards of Main Street South Orange and the South Orange Village Center Alliance for a number of years. Sam's relationship with SOPAC began even before the doors first opened when he served as an advisor to the Interior Design Committee, and he has also been a creative consultant and sponsor of many events. Through the years Sam and Dan have enthusiastically underwritten a variety of performances at SOPAC.

Dan Arrighi

Dan retired in March 2016, after a 35-year career at Chubb Insurance Group. Chubb is the world's largest publicly traded Property and Casualty Insurance company with operations in 54 countries and territories. He was Senior Vice President responsible for Chubb's Commercial Insurance Branches throughout Canada, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Those responsibilities included strategic direction, risk selection and risk management, client relationships, growth, profit and loss, regulatory compliance, as well as acquisition, retention, and development of Senior staff. His International responsibilities included extensive travel and provided Sam and Dan the opportunity to live and work in London for a number of years. Dan has visited 44 U.S. states and more than 50 countries. Never one to leave an endeavor incomplete, Dan plans to spend time in the 6 states he has not visited over the next year.

From childhood, Dan's parents emphasized the importance of community service and philanthropy, and those endeavors have enriched his life. He has served on the Board of Governors of the South Orange Performing Arts Center. He also served on the Board of Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey (CPNJ) for ten years, including 4 years as President of the Board. CPNJ serves children and adults with Developmental Disabilities through Early Intervention programs, schools, group homes, and Adult Training Centers.

Dan has been involved with the Miss America organization, an iconic non-profit organization now undergoing significant and needed change, for more than 35 years and has judged many State and Local pageants. He has continued his commitment and involvement with the Miss America organization through the years because of the organization's commitment to higher education as the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women (Sam and Dan sponsor several of these scholarships annually), and also because of the organization's success in empowering women to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Dan divides his time between their homes in Montclair and West Hollywood, California. Dan often, but unsuccessfully, encourages Sam to take time away from his 7 day a week Real Estate business in New Jersey during the Winter to relax in the Southern California weather. Alas, Sam remains a converted and committed Jersey boy.....heavy sigh.....