



## **ONE TO WORLD ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Tuomas Hiltunen, One To World and Fulbright Alumnus*

**New York, NY** – September 11, 2023 – One To World is pleased to announce the appointment of Tuomas Hiltunen as its new Executive Director, effective September 11, 2023. Tuomas brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to international education and cultural exchange, making him the ideal leader to guide the organization into an exciting new chapter.

Tuomas Hiltunen joins One To World with a distinguished career in the nonprofit and cultural sectors. Most recently, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Barenboim-Said Foundation (USA), where he successfully led the organization into a period of growth and increased relevance and visibility. Prior to his tenure at the Barenboim-Said Foundation, Tuomas held the top position at the Fort Worth Opera in Texas, where he oversaw artistic, administrative, fundraising, and technical operations.

In addition to his leadership roles, Tuomas has a strong background in academia, having served as a lecturer at the Theatre Department at Barnard College and leading the Finnish Studies Program at Columbia University. Tuomas is no stranger to One To World's mission and impact, as he is an alum of One To World, our membership institution Columbia University, and the Fulbright Program. Reflecting on his new role, Tuomas shared his excitement, saying, "The Board's commitment to the future of One To World and the dedication of the talented staff attracted me to this opportunity. For me personally, One To World (formerly known as Metro International) was an integral part of my Fulbright experience. One To World's innovative cultural programs created important opportunities for me to engage with diverse local communities, visit schools in the New York area, build professional connections, and form lifelong friendships. I'm thrilled to join this amazing team during this exciting time."

Born and raised in Finland to a family of educators, Tuomas was drawn to work for a mission-driven organization where inclusion and mutual respect are not an afterthought, but integrated into its programming. His diverse background, passion for international education, and commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding make him an exceptional fit for One To World.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tuomas back to One To World, now in a new capacity as its leader," shares Board Chair and Senior Partner Emeritus of

Shearman & Sterling LLP, Creighton Condon. His extensive expertise, coupled with his first-hand knowledge of the impact of our programs, makes him an exceptional candidate to lead the organization through its next phase of development.”

One To World looks forward to a bright future under Tuomas Hiltunen's leadership, and is excited about the continued growth and impact of the organization in the years ahead.

### **About One To World**

To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars. The organization was founded 43 years ago to bring Americans together with outstanding young leaders from around the world, sharing similarities and appreciating differences, to build cross-cultural understanding and respect. To read more about One To World’s services for international students, Fulbright grantees, and international educators, as well as the *Global Classroom* program in New York area K-12 schools, visit [www.onetoworld.org](http://www.onetoworld.org).

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