KATE SHANAPHY MAINGOT, EVENT & PROGRAM DIRECTOR, was born into a musical family and has been involved in music and the Arts her whole life. Her artistic background provided all the inspiration she needed to pursue acting, singing, dance and Visual Arts throughout her schooling and she is still actively performing and creating to this day. With a television and film degree from Boston University, Kate worked in Marketing and Development for successful nonprofits The Nature Conservancy and The Nantucket Land Council prior to her move to Vero Beach in 2010. She is the Fundraising Advisory Board Member to Vero's Coastal Connections organization and is a volunteer Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indian River County. Kate performs regularly with two local bands, as vocalist for the jazz quartet The Shanaphy Family Band and lead singer for the Blues & Rock group "Kate Maingot & The Wiley Nash Band". She is thrilled to be a part of the GYO and looks forward to assisting its dedicated staff of talented young artists achieve their dreams.