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## Parsons Illustration Alum Dan Springer wins Arts Educator of the Year Award

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The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod has announced the winners of the Third Annual Creative Community Awards. Arts Foundation of Cape Cod Arts Educator of the Year is **Daniel Springer** of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

After receiving his **BFA in Illustration from Parsons School of Design in NYC**, Springer received a MA in English from Northeastern University. He also studied performance and theater design at Syracuse University. A teacher for over 20 years, Springer has been teaching the arts at D-Y Regional High School for the last 15. He currently chairs the Fine & Performing Arts Department at D-Y. He has taught a variety of classes including writing, drama, acting, digital art, drawing, printmaking, advertising and humanities. He sits on the Advisory Board of the Cape Cod & Islands Art Educators Association and teaches at the Cape Cod Museum of Art (CCMA). Daniel has also presented workshops at three National Art Education Association national conferences in Boston, Chicago and NYC. Springer is also an active landscape painter whose work can be seen @ [www.springed.wordpress.com](http://www.springed.wordpress.com).

In the past, Springer has championed the production of the D-Y school yearbook and designed and directed multiple theatrical productions. Despite staff and budget cuts, Springer has also increased the variety of arts programs offered to students in the last six years. Working with the CCM A and the Cape Cod & Islands Art Educators Association, Springer has also been instrumental in creating and promoting the annual "Portfolio Day" at the CCMA, an event for Cape Cod students pursuing college arts programs.

Margaret Van Sciver, President of the board of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod said: "We are delighted to recognize Daniel Springer as Arts Educator of the Year. His commitment to his students and colleagues at D-Y, and his tireless support of other collaborative arts programs in our region, make him an outstanding role model for students and the Cape's creative community."

Lee Weill, an arts instructor at Barnstable High School and member of the advisory board for the Cape Cod & Islands Art Educators Association notes: "Daniel has made art education a top priority in his life. He communicates the value of arts as a career path, an outlet for personal growth and a contributing factor for the benefit of the Cape-wide economy and community."

The other 2010 Creative Community Awards honorees are: Maestro Royston Nash, Lifetime Achievement; Senator Robert O'Leary, Community Leadership in Support of the Arts; and the Falmouth Artists Guild, Collaborative Arts Project of the Year.

The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod supports, promotes, and celebrates the arts and culture of Cape Cod by creating a strong, stable, and diverse arts environment, and contributing to the quality of life and economic vitality of the region. For more information, visit [www.artsfoundation.org](http://www.artsfoundation.org).

Congratulations, Daniel!

[image: "Perfect Day" by Daniel Springer]

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