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Arts Foundation of Cape Cod awards over \$25,000 in grants

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Funding distributed to local cultural organizations and artists

Centerville, MA, November 3, 2009 -- The Board of Directors of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2009 Fall Grant Awards. Twenty local cultural organizations will receive a total of \$25,065 in grants at a special reception from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, November 12 at the Coonamessett Inn in Falmouth. Members of the public are welcome to attend the awards ceremony, but all guests must RSVP to the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod before November 6, 2010.

"These desperately-needed funds are distributed by the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod to arts organizations and individual artists twice each year, helping to maintain the region's reputation as a world-class cultural destination," said Margaret Van Sciver, Board President of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. "This grant program is the only one of its kind in the region focused entirely on supporting the arts and culture of Cape Cod. We are proud to provide essential support to Cape Cod's creative economy by supporting these worthy projects."

Arts Foundation of Cape Cod grants are awarded to support projects that are collaborative and educational; that help create a strong, stable, and diverse cultural community on Cape Cod; and that contribute to the quality of life and economic vitality of the region.

The Fall 2009 Arts Foundation of Cape Cod grant recipients are:

The Academy of Performing Arts, \$1,750 to support their Internship program, which employs and educates high school and college students with a strong background in theatre arts

Barnstable Band Boosters, \$1,500 towards the purchase of high-end keyboard and two amplifiers to support BHS music programs including a new effort to attract more students to the study of modern and classic rock and roll music

Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, \$1,000 to support a daily art program that encourages children to express creativity through fine arts, music, drama, arts and crafts

Cape Cod Art Association, \$1,500 towards the purchase of equipment and tools for a new clay studio to allow for expansion of instructional programs

Cape Cod Chorale, \$750 in support of their Holiday concert of Handel's "The Messiah"

Cape Cod Community College, \$1,000 to support the production of the play "Katrina: The K Word" in the spring semester of 2010, with 6 performances on campus and additional shows at 3 local high schools

Cape Cod Museum of Art, \$2,500 in support of the Schools to Careers Art Internship program, which expands the Cape's art and cultural resources through a mentoring program between professional artists and high school students

Cape Cod Opera, \$1,250 to support their high school and middle school operatic outreach programs

Chatham Music Club, \$1,000 in support of a benefit concert featuring selection of operatic pieces performed by local musicians and students, proceeds to fund music scholarships for local students

Colum Cille Pipes and Drums, \$1,250 to support continuing musical and leadership training for band members, students and interested community members

Cotuit Center for the Arts, \$1,750 to support three in-school and five public performances of arias and piano concerto from the American folk opera, Porgy & Bess

Falmouth Theatre Guild, \$500 to defray the cost of costumes for their production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, \$1,750 to support Kids Art Partners in Education (KAPE) 2010, which offers public school children on the Outer Cape free workshops in creative writing and visual arts taught by writing and visual arts fellows in residence at FAWC

Mashpee Community Concert Committee, \$1,000 to support a theatrical residency by the Missoula Children's Theatre that will lead more than 200 students in a week of learning and discovery of the performing arts

Orleans Historical Society, \$350 to support an exhibit by Orleans 5th grad students and musical performances by Nauset Middle and High School students.

Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, \$1,000 to support their Pilgrims in Provincetown Education Series, and interactive educational exhibit on Pilgrims & Wampanoags

Thornton W. Burgess Society, \$1,250 to support the creation, installation, presentation and promotion of special exhibits to honor the 100th Anniversary of the publication of "Old Mother West Wind", Burgess' first important book for children

Town of Barnstable, \$1,750 to support Harbor Your Arts, which promotes creative & performing arts in Hyannis

Veterans for Peace, Cape Cod Chapter #041, \$715 to support the 15th Annual Peace Poetry Contest, Reading and Awards Ceremony

Zion Union Heritage Museum, \$1,500 towards the purchase of audio-visual equipment to record and reproduce educational materials during Black History Month and throughout the year

The following distinguished community members served on the Spring 2009 grants committee: Clarke Buchanan, Sam Diego's Mexican Cookery and Bar; Lt. David Cameron, Barnstable Police Department; Eliza Cox, Esq., Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP; Joe Diggs, Artist; Mike Fabia, Cape Cod Times; Janet Feeney, DePaola, Begg & Associates; Brad Fowler, Song of Myself Photography; Zach Kremer, student artist; Robert D. Umbro, TD Wealth Management; Margaret Van Sciver, Whitebriar Financial Corporation; Phil Weber, Merrill Lynch; David Willard, Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank.

Arts Foundation of Cape Cod grants are awarded twice a year. The next deadline for applications is March 19, 2010. Guidelines for grant applications are available at www.artsfoundation.org or by calling the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod at 508-362-0066.

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