



CULTURAL  
CENTER  
OF CAPE COD

All the Arts for All of Us

make your mark.

*"The Cultural Center is the focus of our active lives. We have taken courses in pottery, woodworking and woodturning, yoga and cooking. We have loved Joe's dinners both take-out and eat-in. We have listened to fine musical presentations from Mozart to Monk (Thelonius, that is). Art which stretches us and calls us to action hangs all around us as we walk from gallery to gallery. All this in our less-than-two years on the Cape. Cultural Center, we love you!"*

(Toby and Merri Gould)

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*Make Your Mark* by Susan Overstreet (2022)





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Image: *Galatea* by C.A. Stigliano (2018)

# make your mark.

Dear Friends,

Over the years, you have been an integral part of the Cultural Center, and we want to thank you for your continued support. Your commitment helps us fulfill our mission to serve the entire Cape community and visitors to the area by offering instruction, entertainment, and exhibition in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

The Center has been making its **mark** on our community since 2007. Now, 15 years later, we've survived the most trying times our industry has ever experienced, completed a leadership transition, started an endowment for the future, and are poised for exponential growth.

We have seen our Center's **remarkable** impact on the lives of people like you. From the vital work of bringing the arts to children, adults, and seniors in our region, to the positive economic impact on our local businesses, the Center plays an essential role in our community and the Cape as a whole.

2022 has been a busy year, with **3,273** students participating in **514** hands-on classes guided by over **55** creativity activators--enabling them to explore all art forms. In addition, we brought **353** artists into our galleries, exhibiting work that made our guests stop, think, be curious, and act. From content around essential topics such as empowerment and climate change, to the fun, upside-down approach of the summer, where we introduced hundreds of families to art in our galleries for the first time.

As we prepare for **mark-making** in 2023, your Cultural Center team has worked hard to bring you the infinite variety you love and have asked for, and some that will surprise and delight you.



## Join us; together we will make our mark!

Through memory and story, you can make your **mark** by participating in an exhibition, a memoir class by **Kwame Alexander**, or even through an **Art Trek Adventure** across Scotland.

Or possibly via **kinetic art**, the rhythm and beats of **Kotoko Brass**, or the **grace and strength** of our bodies in movement and dance.

And, powerfully through supporting the Cultural Center as we cultivate curiosity, creativity, and cultural exploration.

Your Cultural Center relies on donations from the community to keep us alive and vibrant. If you have donated in the past, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Please know that your donations, no matter the size, make a difference at the Center.

## Make your mark!

The simplest way is to support our annual appeal. Return the enclosed pledge card, or scan the QR code and donate online today.

From the entire Cultural Center Board of Trustees and Team, thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a simple, flowing line. The second signature is more complex, with multiple loops and a stylized 'B'.

Molly Demeulenaere, Executive Director  
Beatrice Gremlich, President of the Board



# making our mark. 2022.

946

Artists Submitted Work  
through International Calls

23

Dedicated  
Art Exhibitions

3,273

Life-long  
Learners

2,598

Artworks Submitted  
for Exhibition

0

Plastic used at  
Exhibition Openings

27%

Concerts Headlined  
by BIPOC Artists





65  
Concerts and  
Performances

55  
Creativity  
Activators

514  
Hands-on Children  
and Adult Classes

500  
Satisfied  
Foodies

3,528  
Music Lovers Attending  
Live Concerts

353  
Artists Displayed in  
the Cultural Center

46%  
Concerts Headlined  
by Women

194  
Live  
Performers

\$202,480  
Injected into the Creative  
Economy Through Payments  
to Artists and Performers



# learning.

This year, take time for yourself. Give yourself the opportunity to explore and choose your unique, creative learning adventure at the Cultural Center!

**IT IS MOST EXCITING** to witness individuals engaged in their passions in the Cultural Center's learning environment. Whether it is one of our Rise & Shine students learning rhythms on a hand drum, someone in the Makerspace turning a bowl for the first time, or a painter deciding to take an illustration class, each individual is pursuing their interests, taking creative risks, and exploring and developing new skills.



Ranging in age from five to ninety-two, our students create and express their individuality in numerous ways. In addition to our visual arts classes, there are a wealth of educational offerings.



We look forward to adding a class in yoga breathing and a certification in Reiki to our growing wellness program, which now includes Yoga, Meditation, Tai Chi, Stretching, and Mindful Journaling.

In our Simoneau Culinary Arts Center, we are adding more and more hands-on cooking classes, with multiple chefs, including selections from a variety of cultures, and a new monthly high nutrition, low cal offering – Cooking with Color & Pizazz!

Art Trek Adventures is a new program for 2023. First stop: Scotland where Executive Director Molly Demeulenaere and resident artist and arts educator Susan Overstreet will lead participants through behind the scenes museum & cultural tours, culinary adventures at Michelin star restaurants, and studio arts experiences.

After welcoming Kwame Alexander as our guest author/educator for an intensive, four-day Writer's Workshop last year, we have no doubt that this year's Memoir Writing Workshop will be incredible. Kwame connects with his students in a powerful, lasting way. He educates, inspires and shares his talent, along with the whole of the remarkable individual that he is.



*"This was the hardest I've had to work, because it made me dig deeper, both personally and at the word/line level. This challenge was exactly what I needed. I came away from this experience a different person. It lifted my spirits and boosted my confidence. I made friends I will remember forever." (Kwame workshop participant)*

# music and events.



## FROM AFRO-MOZAMBIQUE JAZZ

to Eastern European brass bands, from world-class Celtic fiddlers to genre-bending classically trained pianists and string quartets, the Cultural

Center concert series continues year-round, inspiring the Cape community. Albino Mbie returns in February 2023 after blowing the audience away this past year with his incredible band. We've watched him tour globally and rise even more in the New England music scene. We can't wait to have them back again with their global rhythms and virtuosity. Making their Cultural Center debut in February, the Rasa String Quartet brings their unique classical-folk music to the Cultural Center.



In May, world-renowned Scottish fiddler Hanneke Cassel brings her star trio, including Jenna Moynihan and Keith Murphy, to the debut at the Cultural Center. We have amazing pianists performing – from Berklee faculty member Laszlo Gardony and the virtuosic folk-pianist Ben Cosgrove, to the Yale School of Music piano professor Melvin Chen. They will fill the Cultural Center’s Great Hall with extraordinary music on our world-class Steinway piano.

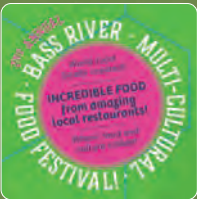


**06.17.23**  
**21ST ANNUAL RUN/WALK FOR THE ARTS**



A 5k run or 5k walk through the beautiful Bass River neighborhood, benefitting the Cultural Center of Cape Cod’s Youth Programming. We welcome teams of runners and/or walkers. T-shirts available to everyone who registers by June 1, 2023. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place per age division and gender.

**09.16.23**  
**2ND ANNUAL BASS RIVER MULTI-CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL**



The Bass River Multi-Cultural Food Festival is where food and culture collide in the historic Bass River area. This festival will showcase multicultural foods from some of your favorite restaurants, food trucks, bakeries, and chefs from around Cape Cod, a gastro-cultural marriage to eat, share and enjoy.

# exhibitions.

## **2023 MEMBERS EXHIBITION**

New from YOUR Studio!

**01.09.23–02.04.23**

Do you have works that have yet to see the light of day? Experimental pieces, new ideas, something you finally tried? Maybe it's a new concept or a different medium for you. Break these out of the studio and onto our walls or pedestals! We are looking for the fresh, latest works that you have created. New year, new energy!

## **KINETIC**

**03.06.23–04.08.23**

The word kinetic relates to motion. Motion in space; objects in flux or changing. Kinetic energy is the energy an object has because of its motion. Artists have incorporated motion into art – to explore the possibilities of movement, introduce the notion of time, and bring a different kind of life and energy to art.

## **BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF THE PLANET**

C.A. Stigliano

**05.01.23–05.27.23**

In an exhibition of three-dimensional and relief woodcarving, Stigliano presents work with political and social implications. With public discourse deteriorating into open warfare, this exhibition shines a light on the disconnection of humankind.

## **STORM BY LUBA**

**05.29.23–06.24.23**

An introspective exhibition of large-scale oil paintings that orchestrate color, space, and movement through fluid emotion and personal awakening drawn from her time spent on Cape Cod. Her work will showcase a canopy of nature's force that unfolds itself through a visual experience reinterpreted through inner emotion, both allusive and affective, and is translated onto canvas.



## **FOR PASTELS ONLY ON CAPE COD**

**06.26.23–07.22.23**

This annual exhibition is the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod's premier juried show and sale, which features paintings by nationally-recognized contemporary artists with a wide range of artistic styles and subjects, including coastal scenes, still life, and figurative work.

## **MEMORY VS. STORY**

**Multi-disciplinary art and science installation**

**07.24.23–09.09.23**

Memory is intensely personal and powerful. For each of us, our memories establish where we've been and who we are. Memory vs. Story is an art installation-based experience that will use science and art from various social and cultural perspectives to help us understand ourselves. Commissioned by the Center and created by artist John Cira, using artifacts from the local community to create a structure to build on as time goes by.

## **INNOVATIONS 2023**

**09.12.23–10.07.23**

The International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA) is a global non-profit organization with the mission to encourage artists to explore new techniques and media, discover new compositional approaches, and find new concepts to create – with no rules to limit creativity. ISEA will co-host INNOVATIONS 2023, its 32nd annual international open juried exhibition, partnering with the Cultural Center. The ISEA symposium, held in conjunction with this exhibition, will also be held at the Center, 9.18.22, with workshops, demos, an opening reception, and an awards dinner this week.

## **FOR THE LOVE OF COLOR**

**Rebecca Fellows, Anne Morse, and Susan Overstreet**

**10.09.23–11.04.23**

In this exhibition, these three women will dive into color and explore the hue interpretation, and the impact color has in their respective worlds.

**BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY** of people like you, the Cultural Center of Cape Cod is actively engaged in serving those who need us most through our education and Rise & Shine programs. In 2022 we brought on licensed mentors and educators trained to work with populations moving through grief and living with trauma. These incredible individuals are making



their mark on both groups and individuals to provide quality experiences focused on the students' personal growth, skill-building, and emotional support. The need is ever increasing with calls coming in from parents seeking services for their children and human service organizations coming to the Center to participate in various educational experiences. There are many more students in our community who are in need

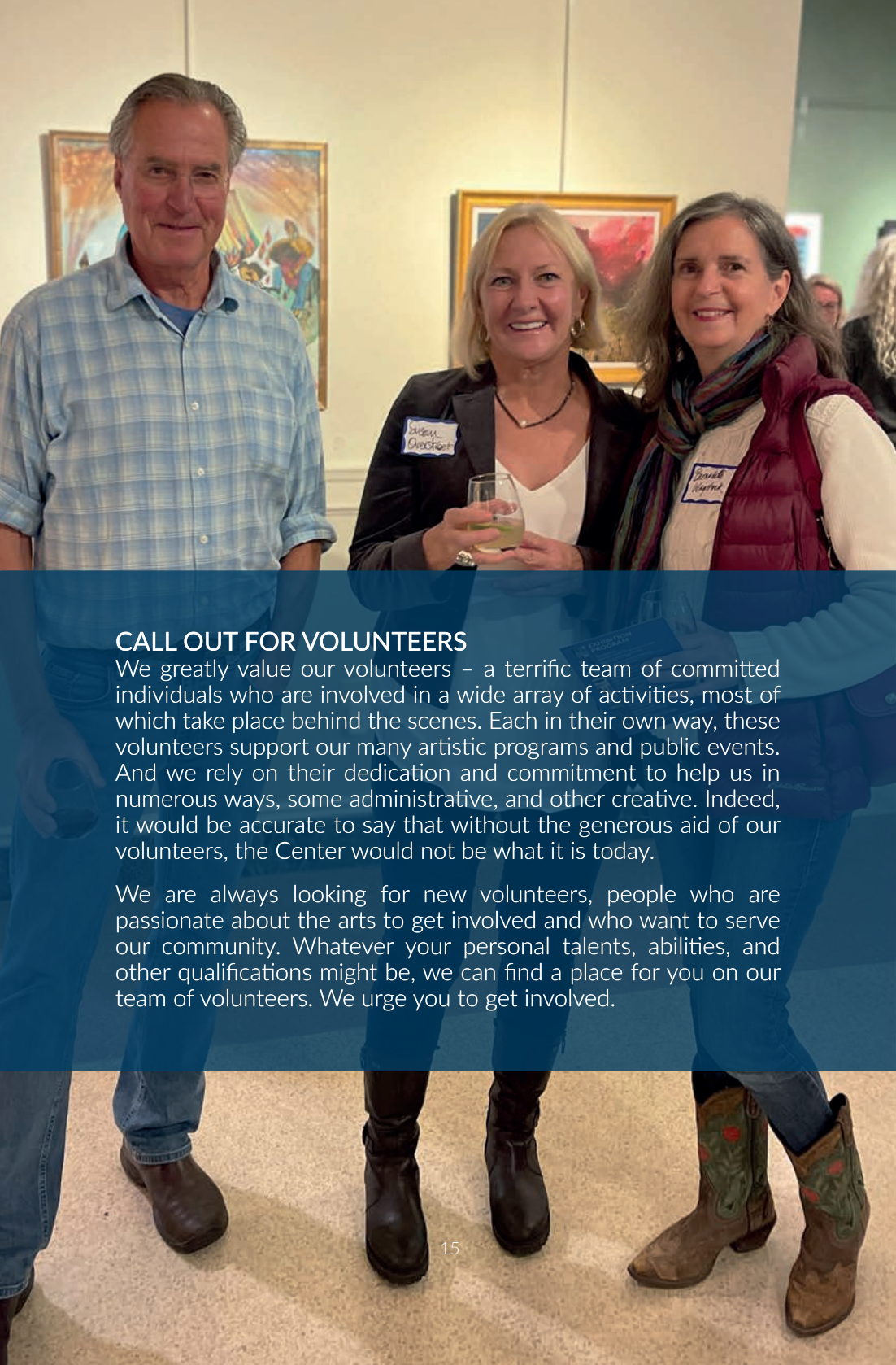
and will thrive under our mentors' instruction and support. We are thankful for grants from individuals, foundations, and local cultural councils who recognize the value of this programming.

Below is a recent note from a parent about their daughter's experience at the Center.

*"The Rise & Shine program was an absolute lifesaver for our daughter! At a time when she was hardly willing or able to go anywhere or do anything, she looked forward to getting up and going to pottery every week. At a time when the health care system was failing to meet her needs, the Rise & Shine program was there to help her work through things and express herself through her art."*

As you consider your year-end giving, we ask you to give a little more to support these young people on Cape Cod.





## CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS

We greatly value our volunteers – a terrific team of committed individuals who are involved in a wide array of activities, most of which take place behind the scenes. Each in their own way, these volunteers support our many artistic programs and public events. And we rely on their dedication and commitment to help us in numerous ways, some administrative, and other creative. Indeed, it would be accurate to say that without the generous aid of our volunteers, the Center would not be what it is today.

We are always looking for new volunteers, people who are passionate about the arts to get involved and who want to serve our community. Whatever your personal talents, abilities, and other qualifications might be, we can find a place for you on our team of volunteers. We urge you to get involved.



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