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#### **"Unfinished Woman" – Cultural Center Exhibition Marks 25 Years of *A Year by the Sea* with Bold Contemporary Art on Midlife Reinvention**

**South Yarmouth, MA – October 9 – November 3, 2025** – The Cultural Center of Cape Cod proudly presents **Unfinished Woman**, a sweeping contemporary exhibition exploring the untold journeys of women stepping beyond the familiar roles that long defined them. Curated by Molly Demeulenaere, the show invites visitors to witness, honor, and embrace the raw, real, and unapologetically incomplete process of becoming.

Timed to honor the **25th anniversary of Joan Anderson's landmark memoir *A Year by the Sea***, the exhibition extends Anderson's call to reimagine midlife as possibility rather than loss. Just as her work reshaped the cultural conversation, *Unfinished Woman* continues that dialogue through visual art, performance, writing, and community gathering.

#### **A Contemporary Exhibition of Scale and Vision**

In response to a national call for art, more than **100 artists submitted hundreds of works** for consideration. A jury of arts professionals and curators carefully selected the final pieces, resulting in a dynamic and diverse exhibition that reflects a broad range of experiences, media, and perspectives. The scale of submissions underscores the resonance of the theme and the appetite among contemporary artists to contribute to this vital conversation.

#### **Featured Voices & Artistic Vision**

Alongside the juried exhibition, the Cultural Center welcomes an inspiring group of creative voices:

- **Joan Anderson**, bestselling author whose *A Year by the Sea* has inspired women worldwide for a quarter century.
- **Christine Ernst**, writer, performer, and educator, known for her candid voice of resilience and self-discovery.
- **Laura Goodenow**, lyricist, dramaturg, writer, and film producer, embodying "Real Women Make Waves."
- **Siobhan Magnus**, celebrated performer whose stage presence blends rock, pop, and soul.
- **Molly Demeulenaere**, curator whose vision consistently elevates artists pushing boundaries in narrative and voice.

Together, these women and the exhibiting artists explore themes of midlife, transformation, emergence, solitude, resilience, and reclamation.

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### Events & Community Programming

“Unfinished Woman” is more than a gallery show—it is a community celebration of voice and reinvention. Highlights include:

- **Opening Reception & Artist Party**, Thursday, October 9, 5–7 pm — Celebrate with exhibiting artists, meet Joan Anderson, and honor the 25th anniversary of *A Year by the Sea*.
- **A Table of Becoming** dinner with Chef Nicholas Caplice, Friday, October 31 — An intimate culinary experience rooted in storytelling and place.
- **Film Screening & Panel: *A Year by the Sea***, Saturday, November 1 — Watch the acclaimed adaptation and join a panel with Joan Anderson, producer Laura Goodenow, and curator Molly Demeulenaere.
- **FACB 2025: Old AF** — Christine Ernst’s one-woman show, a sharp, honest exploration of aging and identity.
- **Writing Workshop: The Tides of Womanhood**, Monday, November 3 — Led by Joan Anderson and Christine Ernst, inviting participants to explore the ebb and flow of identity, creativity, and growth.

### Why It Matters

Too often, women’s transitions in midlife—stepping out of caregiving roles, reimagining identity, or pursuing creative callings—are rendered invisible. *Unfinished Woman* amplifies these stories, insisting that life’s “unfinished” chapters are rich with power and possibility. With **hundreds of works juried from over 100 artists**, the exhibition underscores how widespread and resonant these themes are in contemporary culture. By aligning with the **25th anniversary of *A Year by the Sea***, the show highlights both the enduring cultural impact of Joan Anderson’s message and the vitality of artists who are still reshaping the conversation today.

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### About the Cape Cod Cultural Center

The Cultural Center of Cape Cod is a world-class, inclusive space that cultivates curiosity, creativity and cultural exploration through exhibition, arts education and life-long learning, and music and events. The center welcomes more than 25,000 people a year to its five galleries, resident artist studios, performance hall, culinary arts center, recording studio, ceramics studio and makerspace. In 2025, the Cultural Center will host more than 700 classes and 65 concerts. Learn more about the Cultural Center of Cape Cod at [www.cultural-center.org](http://www.cultural-center.org).