**Cultural Center Awarded $75,000 Grant**Funds from Mass Cultural Council will support local initiatives

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**SOUTH YARMOUTH, Mass** --The [Cultural Center of Cape Cod](http://www.cultural-center.org) is pleased to announce it has received a $75,000 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) which it will use to invest in the organization, support local artists and educators, and expand its local impact.

“This gift from the MCC will have an overarching effect throughout 2023 as we work to broaden our reach,” said Cultural Center Executive Director Molly Demeulenaere.

The MCC promotes the arts, humanities and sciences, and delivers thousands of grants each year. The grant to the Cultural Center of Cape Cod is part of a $51 million public investment in the Commonwealth’s creative and cultural sector, using state pandemic recovery funds.

The grant to the Cultural Center will be used to:

·       Hire a new director of sales and partnerships. “This allows us to build capacity within our organization and grow sustainably,” Demeulenaere said.

·       Commission an original art installation for the summer exhibition, “Memory vs. Story.” “As an art center on the Cape, I believe it is important for us to support new works and our local artists.” Cape sculptor and installation artist [John Cira](https://johnciraarts.com/) will design the work.

·        Bring back renowned author [Kwame Alexander](https://kwamealexander.com/) to lead a memoir writing workshop this fall. “With this money, we can fund additional scholarships for people to attend this memoir workshop who otherwise wouldn’t be able to experience it,” Demeulenaere said.

The Mass Cultural Council will hold a press conference at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, 307 Old Main St., on March 10 at 11:00 a.m. to announce all its awards to cultural organizations on the Cape and Islands, and Southeastern Massachusetts.

“This is the largest grant announcement that the Mass Cultural Council has ever made,” said MCC Executive Director Michael Bobbitt.

“We are grateful to the Massachusetts Legislature for dedicating these recovery funds for arts and culture for distribution by the MCC,” said Demeulenaere.

For media photos, click [HERE](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v5euycv3lttgop0/AAAZl2H5zDm-ht3O9xOIu40Ua?dl=0).

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