



The mission of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is to support, promote, and celebrate the arts and culture of Cape Cod in order to sustain a vibrant, diverse and strong arts community.

Arts Foundation of Cape Cod's Artist of the Year

The Artist of the Year (AOTY) embodies the cultural vibrancy of our region and the impact the arts have in shaping thought, inspiring change, and creating a deeper sense of connection in our community.

Focused on the visual arts, the award gives the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod (AFCC) the opportunity to not only recognize, but partner with an artist, highlighting their contributions to the community through their work. The Artist of the Year plays a vital role in helping the AFCC raise funding and awareness for its mission.

The AFCC's mission is to support, promote, and celebrate the arts and culture of Cape Cod in order to sustain a vibrant, diverse, and strong arts community. The Artist of the Year aligns with this mission, as our organization has the distinct honor to select a recipient based on craftsmanship, artistic quality, creative ability, and impact on our cultural region and beyond.

We celebrate the artist by:

- Publicly announcing the individual through our Patron and Artist network via traditional and social media outlets. The AOTY will be quoted and samples of work will be shared as part of promotional efforts.
- Artist is included in the AFCC's Modern Love Artist Speaker Series. Event is open to the public and shared on [our YouTube channel](#).
- AOTY is commissioned to work with AFCC on a piece that represents the Artist's current body of work to be auctioned off at the AFCC's annual June gala (more info below).
- AFCC coordinates an April unveiling event of said piece. Attendees will include regional and local media, legislators, community leaders, art patrons, sponsors, and supporters of AFCC. We also extend the invitation to any of the Artist's

friends, family, collectors, and selected guests. The venue will be on Cape at one of our cultural institutions.

- Auction of piece at the AFCC’s June Prelude to Summer gala at the Hyannisport Club. Artist receives two complimentary tickets. The focus of the event will be the artist’s commissioned piece. The AFCC is committed to bringing qualified buyers and art lovers to the gala.
- In collaboration with AFCC, AOTY may opt to license artwork to mutually benefit Artist and Arts Foundation.
- Recognition as Artist of the Year is a long-term commitment between Artist and the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. The Artist will be part of an esteemed community that we will recognize beyond the one-year anniversary.

Past Celebrated Artists Include

<p>Since 1988</p> <p>Past Artists include:</p> <p>Sam Barber</p> <p>Heather Braginton-Smith</p> <p>Karol Wyckoff</p> <p>Geoffrey Smith</p> <p>Loretta Feeney</p> <p>Karri McCue</p> <p>Karen Rinaldo</p> <p>Elizebeth Mumford</p> <p>Lois Griffel</p> <p>Peter Quidley</p> <p>David Schock</p> <p>Betsy Bennett</p> <p>Thomas Dunlay</p> <p>Bob Roark</p> <p>William Evaul</p> <p>Jan Collins Selman</p>	<p>Sam Vokey</p> <p>William Bennett</p> <p>Pamela Pindell</p> <p>Sergio Roffo</p> <p>John Friedman</p> <p>Donald Beal</p> <p>Robert Douglas Hunter</p> <p>Michael Keane</p> <p>William Davis</p> <p>Paul Schulenberg</p> <p>Matthew Shultz</p> <p>Richard Loud</p> <p>Cleber Stecie</p> <p>Jackie Reeves</p> <p>Jim Holland</p> <p>Joyce Utting Shutter</p> <p>Cynthia Packard</p> <p>Carl Lopes</p> <p>2022 Jo Hay Artist of the Year!</p>
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Prior to 2022, the AFCC’s Artist of the Year was known as the Pops Artist. We’ve separated this from the Pops as the AFCC plans to grow this recognition to include other mediums as well as educators.

Selection of Artist

Artist of the Year is selected based on craftsmanship, artistic quality, creative ability, and impact on our cultural region and beyond. This recognition is ultimately at the sole discretion of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod.

There is no application process, but there is an opportunity for the public to nominate an artist. While there is no firm deadline, the review of Artists begins in September with a decision announced in January. This timeline is subject to change.

The AFCC works with an Advisory Committee made up of arts professionals that may include educators, gallerists, museum directors, and curators. Committee members are the connection to what is happening in the arts community. They have the ability to introduce candidates for group discussion, but the AFCC Board of Directors makes the final decision with a strong reliance and guidance of the Advisory Committee.

How to Nominate

We are open to suggestions and introductions. Our online Artist of the Year Nomination Form will be open year-round.

Nomination Form (this will be in Submittable)

- Submitters Name & Contact Information
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- Artist must resident at least half the year (six months) on Cape Cod, Nantucket, or Martha's Vineyard.
- Website & Social Media addresses
- List any special recognition, awards, exhibitions of note, etc. that this artist has received or participated in.
- How is the artist involved in the community?
- Please explain how this nominated artist embodies the cultural vibrancy of our region. Are they socially- and/or environmentally-minded? Does their work

provoke thought and inspire change? Does their work educate the public on challenging community issues. Does this artist engage with the community?

- If necessary, please include any supplemental information you'd like us to consider about the artist you are nominating.

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