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ORLEANS CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR 2025

The Orleans Cultural Council is pleased to announce its 2025 grant recipients, who will be awarded funding through the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). Orleans is one of 329 Massachusetts towns that receive MCC funds annually for the sole purpose of supporting community-based programs. “We couldn’t be more excited to present these awards,” said council chair Claire Gradone. “They represent a wide range of projects aimed at a wide range of audiences. By creating with and for the public, storytellers, artists, musicians, dancers, filmmakers, and others bring real benefits to our local and regional community. The Orleans Cultural Council’s partnership with the Massachusetts Cultural Council helps to ensure that everyone has a chance to engage with the Cape’s vibrant cultural scene.”

The MCC allocated \$5,700 to Orleans for the grants. Out of 30 applications received, the Orleans Cultural Council selected 11 for complete or partial funding. Three additional projects received funding from the Town of Orleans’ Warrant Fund. The successful projects were: Circus Arts In The Schools; Invisible Threads: Portraits And Stories Of Our Global Neighbors; Imagination Blast-Off: Stories That Take You Places; Meeting House Chamber Music Festival; Choral Treasures Concerts; Story Wizards; Movimento Project 2025—10 Years; Pleasant Bay Community Boating Speaker Series; Salt Goes To Nauset Regional Middle School; Live Music Making History Live; Puppets, Paul And Mary: Puppets Pay It Forward; Audition Videos For College Applications; MLPAC Multicultural Festival; and Nauset Regional Middle School Arts Day.

Local cultural councils serve every city and town in Massachusetts. The Orleans Cultural Council works with the Mass Cultural Council and the Town of Orleans as leaders, stewards, and advocates in supporting the arts, humanities, and sciences through annual grants, initiatives, and advocacy for nonprofit cultural organizations, schools, and artists. Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by the local Orleans Council, a board of municipally appointed members.