

Cambridge Art Association receives Cambridge Arts Cultural Investment Grant

Cambridge, MA, <February 1, 2021>—The Cambridge Art Association (CAA) is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$9,000 grant from the new Cambridge Arts Cultural Investment Fund. As part of the grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, this funding was awarded through the Cambridge Arts Council.

It is the mission of the Cambridge Art Association (CAA) to build a vibrant community through visual art: connecting individuals and facilitating dialogue among artists and art lovers of all ages and backgrounds. To accomplish this, CAA exhibits quality works of art and seeks to enrich lives and engage art enthusiasts and collectors. CAA also provides educational opportunities to its members and others to enhance their skills as artists and promote the appreciation of visual art.

Grants are awarded through a competitive process and receiving funds signifies that the Cambridge Art Association provides a high level of quality in its exhibitions, community programs, and administrative ability.

CAA's programs including exhibitions of contemporary, New England artists in two spaces – with all exhibition venues being free and open to the public. Additionally, the CAA creates professional development and networking opportunities for visual artists; maintains a corporate art lending program; and training opportunities for aspiring arts administrators and curators through a paid internship program, and a paid curatorial platform.

The Cambridge Arts Council grant program is funded by the City of Cambridge and an allocation from the Mass Cultural Council. The mission of the Mass Cultural Council is to promote excellence, inclusion, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences to foster a rich cultural life for all Massachusetts residents and contributes to the vitality of our communities and economy. The not-for-profit cultural industry has a \$2.56 billion economic impact in the state, and generates \$24.4 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenues annually.

About the Cambridge Art Association: CAA was founded in 1944 by a group of local artists and art supporters. At the time, there was no other local association like it. The CAA was a space for exhibiting work, learning new techniques, and socializing. It was - and is - above all, a community of artists.

Today, the CAA maintains two gallery spaces for exhibits, as well as several less traditional satellite spaces. Until mid-2015, we were a juried members association. As the result of a strategic plan and long-term vision for the CAA, we are now open to all.

What do we do? We present roughly 20 gallery exhibits, and an additional 20 exhibits in our satellite spaces. We create opportunities for local and regional contemporary artists to engage with gallery owners, curators, collectors, and each other through networking events, portfolios reviews, and other professional development programs. We also operate an Art Rental Program, connecting artists to local organizations for short-and-long-term display of work.

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