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Mass Cultural Council Awards BCA \$75,000 Pandemic Recovery Grant Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is grateful to the Mass Cultural Council (MCC)

BOSTON, MA — Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is delighted to be a recipient of a \$75,000 Pandemic Recovery Grant awarded by the Mass Cultural Council (MCC).

The grant is part of MCC’s Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Organizations program that offered unrestricted grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$75,000 to Massachusetts cultural organizations, collectives, and businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through its long- and short-term residency programs, BCA is able to provide artists in the visual, dance and movement, multidisciplinary, and theatre arts, a rare but essential need every artist has: the ability to think, explore, experiment, push their creative practice forward. This award will help further direct support to Boston-area artists.

“BCA is extremely grateful to the Mass Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Legislature for the vital and generous award of \$75,000,” said Emily Foster Day, Co-Executive Director, Boston Center for the Arts. “The unrestricted nature of this grant is especially helpful in allowing us to move funding to cover the immediate needs of



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Boston’s artists, and also enables us to tend to the many challenges we face as we emerge from the COVID pandemic. This award will help us continue our mission of directly providing artists through our residencies and experiences with the space, resources, and time they need for their creative practices to not only recover — but thrive — in the months and years ahead.

Emily Foster Day also added, “BCA also applaud the extraordinary collective, unified advocacy and compelling case-making by artists, creatives, cultural leaders, and political changemakers who made possible this pivotal and equitable funding program possible that benefits the entire arts sector.”

“This is the largest grant announcement Mass Cultural Council has ever made,” said Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council. “It is with great pleasure and pride that we celebrate more than \$51 million in pandemic recovery monies being equitably distributed throughout the creative and cultural sector today. These awards will help propel the sector forward economically and chart the recipients’ paths towards growth.”

ABOUT BOSTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) supports working artists to create, perform, and exhibit new works; develops new audiences; and connects the arts to community, and has for over five decades engaged the creative community for public good. While the organization’s physical residence is in the historic South End, BCA touches every part of Boston’s cultural ecosystem. A leading force in the city’s cultural community, BCA has supported thousands of individual artists, small organizations, and performing arts companies, who add depth and dimension to the Boston arts ethos. Through residencies and programming, BCA serves as an epicenter for an expanding cohort of artists working across all disciplines, and has catalyzed careers by providing fertile ground for experimentation and artistic risk-taking.

To learn more about Boston Center for the Arts, visit www.bostonarts.org

ABOUT THE MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Mass Cultural Council is a state agency supporting the arts, sciences, and humanities, to improve the quality of life in Massachusetts and its communities. It pursues its mission through a combination of grants, services, and advocacy for nonprofit cultural organizations, schools, communities, and artists.

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