

"...experience a
young person and
their ideas."

—J. TASSINARI

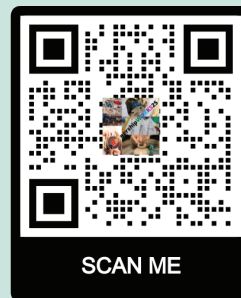
CREATIVE ECONOMY

As a priority sector on the Cape & Islands, the creative economy plays a vital role in our region. The passion of the arts is expressed across the Cape and Islands through a variety of artistic sectors for individuals to pursue and explore. ArtWorks exposes students to the opportunities possible within the creative economy and strengthens career readiness avenues in the region.



"I like being a mentor.
I get a strong sense of
guiding a younger generation
into a creative world, as
I am sharing with them a
piece of my own."

—K. D'ANGORA



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ArtWorks

Students Growing as Artists

Artists Inspiring as Mentors

For more than 25 years!



ARTWORKS

ArtWorks has long provided Cape and Islands high school students with the unique opportunity to explore the creative economy through hands-on learning. Students are exposed to career awareness and career development skills through a 40-hour internship with their mentors. This experience provides students with exposure to career pathways within the arts. Students enrolled in ArtWorks have explored artistic media within areas including drawing, painting, photography, fashion design, jewelry design, writing, music, and ceramics. The program is currently open to high school students as a way of increasing exposure to career pathway education. We are thrilled that many of our ArtWorks graduates have continued their art education at colleges/universities such as Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Tufts University, Maine College of Art, Cape Cod Community College, and Montserrat College of Art.

ArtWorks is a program of the MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure an appropriate and available labor force on the Cape and Islands. This unique mentoring program, which runs through the academic year, pairs Cape and Islands students with professional artists. Students receive tailored instruction and encouragement in their chosen medium. They learn to grow as artists and as young adults through the guidance of this mentorship. The students build self-esteem, self-confidence, and soft skills that transfer beyond their art to the rest of their lives.

*"He was focused
and dedicated."*

—J. WOLF

*"Do it! Just do it!
It's a great thing!"*

—N. DOSTILLO

Students will have the opportunity to work with artists in person, virtually, or hybrid. Artists who have the space available in their studios work with students in person if they are able to follow the Massachusetts safety standards for workplaces. Those artists who wish to meet virtually complete each session through detailed instruction structured for a specific video communication platform.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Barnstable High School
- Bourne High School
- Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
- Falmouth High School
- Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
- Mashpee Middle-High School
- Monomoy Regional High School
- Nantucket High School
- Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School
- Sandwich High School
- Sturgis High School

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