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NEW BEDFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL AWARDS 2015 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

New Bedford, Massachusetts – The New Bedford Cultural Council is pleased to announce the awarding of \$70,749 to local organizations and individuals for its 2014-2015 grant cycle. The New Bedford Cultural Council awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. New Bedford is the 4th largest local cultural council in the state.

The members of the New Bedford Local Cultural Council volunteer their time to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life in the City of New Bedford.

“This year we received over \$170,000 in grant requests. With just \$70,749 to distribute our decisions were very difficult.” said Jill Horton-Simms, Chair. “There were so many worthwhile project requests. It is undeniably clear that New Bedford Cultural Council needs more funding,” she continued.

The 2015 grantees are: AHA!, Cape Verdean Recognition Committee, Inc., Overhead Arts, Working Waterfront Festival, Your Theatre, New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, New Bedford Free Public Library, WHALE, Community Leadership Team of Neighborworks SOMA, Dennison Memorial Community Center, New Bedford High School, New Bedford Ballet, Portuguese United for Education, Inc., New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Southcoast Children’s Theatre, Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative, Community Economic Development Center, The Siren, Ryan McFee, Taylor School, New Bedford Festival Theatre, Brooklawn Park History, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Elizabeth Carter Brooks School, Reel Serious, New Bedford High Drama Club, NBPS All-City Concert and Marching Band, Pulaski Magnet School, New Bedford High Band Boosters, Global Learning Public Charter School, City of New Bedford Department of Community Services, Renaissance Community School for the Arts, Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School, New Bedford Folk Festival, New Bedford Historical Society, Marion Institute, UGLY Walls – Jeremiah Hernandez, New Bedford Open Studios, Nativity Prep, Greater New Bedford Vocational Technical School, Parker Elementary School, and Our Sisters School.

The NBCC will hold two information sessions during the fall, one of which is a workshop to help potential applicants through the grant application process. All standard and field trip applicants are encouraged to attend. Information will be posted in the Standard-Times, but all are urged to keep follow the NBCC on Facebook.com/nbculturalcouncil.

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences is provided through a central agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state. The New Bedford Cultural Council is the 4th largest Council in the state.

The MCC is funded by appropriations from the state Legislature and from the National Endowment for the Arts. The mission of the MCC and its local cultural council partners is "to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities."

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