66 Resident Artists in 2025

16 Collaborating Cultural Organizations in 2025 45 Public Programs Presented

125+ Donors Year-to-Date



We are growing and maturing as an organization and community resource in strategic and intentional ways.

PROGRAMS

The Artists Residency is our primary activity. We provide artists time and space to work. We also offer the public chances to experience the creative process and its resulting gifts.

Signature events this year included:

Fifth Annual Firefly Fiesta 2025 Outdoor Biennale

Manship Artists Premiere - FlamenKora, Volker Goetze Trio

STAFFING

We have evolved from a grassroots, volunteer community organization with an Executive Director and Archivist. This past year MARS leadership increased its capacity by hiring professional staff as an investment in the future:

- ~ Administrative Assistant Nell Mancini
- ~ Program Assistant Tsar Fedorsky
- ~ Development Director David Freilach



Heavenly Earth Biennale opening





Disciplines Served

13

Interdisciplinary Artists

13

Visual Artists

14

Literary Artists

16

Performing Artists

10

Science/Technology Creatives

EDUCATION

Ongoing educational programs are annual Professional Development training for Gloucester Public School Art Teachers, and workshop opportunities for Boston Architectural College and University of Rhode Island students, among others.

FUNDING

We were honored to receive our first-ever **National Endowment for the Arts grant** in 2025. This award represents an important stamp of approval. We are encouraged and hope other funders recognize the value of our work and its impact.



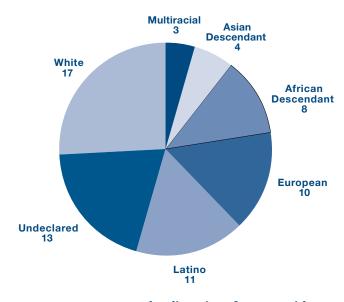
Kintsugi Workshop offered during the Heavenly Earth Biennale



Painting Party for The Open Door's Empty Bowl event



Boston Architectural College Advanced Master's Studio in Landscape Architecture Residency



The diversity of 2025 residents



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