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THE FINE ARTS WORK CENTER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET MURPHY AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

PROVINCETOWN, MA – February 5, 2021 – The **Board of Trustees** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Margaret Murphy** as Interim Executive Director of the **Fine Arts Work Center (FAWC)**, as the nonprofit arts organization finalizes its months-long search for a permanent replacement. **Richard MacMillan**, the Work Center’s current Executive Director, will step down on March 1st. MacMillan has volunteered to stay on as Advisor to the Board to ensure that capital campaign donors and needs are matched to sustain fundraising momentum for the organization. He will also continue as a member of the building committee as well as provide counsel for the development of a renewed Work Center Board of Advisors.

Margaret Murphy has been actively involved with the Work Center for many years, serving as Executive Director (2007-2012), Co-Chair of the Summer Awards Celebration (2013-2018) and President of the Board (2017-2019). Murphy is volunteering her time to step back into this familiar role to help ensure a smooth leadership transition over the next 2-3 months until a new Executive Director is selected.

“I care deeply about the Fine Arts Work Center. It is an organization vital to the Provincetown community,” said **Margaret Murphy**. “I want to help move the Work Center forward and stepping in as Interim Executive Director seems like a good way to do that.”

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are so grateful for Richard’s and Margaret’s continued commitment to FAWC and for volunteering their time during this critical period as we select our new Executive Director,” said **Carol Warshawsky**, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “It has been Richard’s steadfast stewardship that has led us so successively through these perilous times when many cultural institutions have been struggling. Now, with Margaret’s skillful guidance in this interim position, the Work Center is poised to welcome a new Executive Director in the coming months.”

Led by the **Arts Consulting Group (ACG) of Boston**, the search for a new Executive Director was launched in November, 2020. The search committee represents a diverse and inclusive group of Trustees, former Fellows and members of both the Visual and Writing Committees. The committee is hoping to announce its selection within the next few weeks, after a rigorous series of meetings and interviews with staff, Board and other key stakeholders. Plans are for the successful candidate to relocate to Provincetown and be ready to start by May 1.

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The **Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging the growth and development of emerging visual artists and writers and to restoring the year-round vitality of the historic art community of Provincetown. The Work Center is internationally known for its acclaimed 7-month residency program granting fellowships to 20 emerging writers and artists, as well as its open enrollment Summer Workshop Program, an online writing program 24PearlStreet, and an extensive series of year-round cultural and virtual events, and exhibitions. The Work Center values diversity and inclusion and seeks to build and maintain a community and culture that celebrates and values diverse backgrounds, identities and perspectives. **FAWC.ORG**

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