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Agawam's Bob Kadis Honored as Outstanding Community Arts Leader

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) announced today that Bob Kadis of the Agawam Cultural Council is the recipient of a Leadership Circle Award for excellence in individual contributions to community arts and culture.

The Leadership Circle Awards annually recognize outstanding volunteers of the 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) across the state. These local arts leaders play a crucial role in supporting projects that celebrate diversity, foster collaboration, showcase artistic excellence and provide learning experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Bob arrived in Agawam in October 2002, having moved from Peabody. He wanted to get involved in his town and become a part of the local scene. He joined the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) and has served as its Chair for over 10 years. The ACC Applause Series, now in its 11th year, has been one of his passions. With his interest in the arts, he created and has chaired three different Open Juried Shows for the Friends of the Agawam Public Library. Continuing in his give-back to the community efforts, he is a board member of the Council on Aging, the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, and the Friends of the Agawam Public Library. He is a retired computer programmer and enjoys organizing help sessions at the Agawam Senior Center.

Leadership Circle Awards are nominated by Local Cultural Council members and are evaluated by a Massachusetts Cultural Council-appointed panel. The LCC Program is the largest volunteer-run, grassroots arts funding program in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences annually.

About the Massachusetts Cultural Council

The Massachusetts Cultural Council promotes 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 contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

The MCC is committed to building a central place for the arts, sciences and humanities in the everyday lives of communities across the Commonwealth. The Council pursues this mission through a combination of grant programs, partnerships, and services for nonprofit cultural organizations, schools, communities, and individual artists.