

## Michael A. Giaquinto CCMoA MUSE ARTIST AWARD WINNER

Michael A. Giaquinto was the Exhibitions Curator at the Cape Cod Museum of Art (CCMoA) for 17 years from 2003 - 2020. During that span he facilitated and curated over 200 exhibitions, telling the story of Cape Cod through the artistic achievements of regionally significant artists, as well as fostering the next generation of Cape Cod artists through student exhibitions.

Michael studied fine art at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA & Art History at North Carolina State University. Giaquinto became the Museum Technician (1990 – 1991) at the Ackland Art Museum at UNC Chapel Hill, NC. He then became the Chief Art Preparator for the NC State Gregg Museum of Art + Design from 1991-2000.

Giaquinto was awarded “Craftsman of the Year” by the Early American Life Magazine in 2001 and 2005. Upon relocation to Cape Cod, he became the art teacher for grades 9-12 at St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis from 2003 - 2005. Giaquinto has taught Painting and Drawing, along with Multi-Media & Folk Art workshops for adults at the Weny Education Center at the CCMoA, the Creative Arts Center in Chatham and at the Cultural Center in South Yarmouth.

Michael has held workshops at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA, Weny Education Center at CCMoA and the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill. He has also been an art educator in the Summer Youth Art Program at the CCMoA. Giaquinto currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Cape Cod and Islands Art Educators Association and in 2017 was presented with their prestigious VISI Award for his notable achievements as an art educator. In 2023 Michael was a \$5000 grant recipient of the Cultural Sector Recovery for Individuals, from the Mass Cultural Council.

Michael has exhibited in museums and galleries across the region, namely: Berta Walker Gallery, Provincetown, MA., Chabot Fine Art Gallery, Providence, RI., Miller White Fine Arts, South Dennis, MA, CCMoA, Dennis, MA, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth, MA, Creative Arts Center, Chatham, MA, Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, MA and his artwork can be found in private, corporate and museum collections. His work is included in Deborah Forman’s book, *Contemporary Cape Cod Artists on Abstraction*, 2015 and featured in Joanne Mattera's book, *Italianita - Contemporary Art inspired by the Italian Immigrant Experience*, 2023.

As the recipient of the CCMoA MUSE ARTIST AWARD at the Cape Cod Museum of Art, Michael A. Giaquinto will be honored with a one-person exhibition from January 9 to March 23, 2025.