

ATTN: Ms. Mary A. Krepelka, Board Administrator
Office of the Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476-4908

Re: Grants Committee of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture (formerly known as the Arlington Cultural Council)

Dear Select Board,

Please be advised that at the June 8th meeting of the Grants Committee of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture (the Arlington Cultural Council), we voted on the membership of Nick Castellano, whose letter of interest and resume are attached. The vote to accept him as a member was unanimous.

If it is possible to put this matter on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting we would be grateful, as we are anxious to add him to the membership at this important time of year.

If you should have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Very truly yours,

Becky

S. Rebecca Holmes-Farley
Co-Chair and Corresponding Secretary

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Monday, June 01, 2020

Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture Grants Committee

730 Massachusetts Ave,

Arlington, MA 02476

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Nicholas Castellano, and I am interested in serving on the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture Grants Committee.

For the past ten years I have been a classical musician. I have performed with Yo-Yo Ma, Michael Tilson Thomas, Emmanuel Ax, and many other major classical music performers and conductors. I was a fellow at the New World Symphony and played for a year with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Recently I transitioned to a career in Arts Administration. I currently work in Concord, MA at The Umbrella Arts Center as an Office Administrator.

I am eager to bring my experience in the arts to the Grants Committee. I hope that my participation will help the Grants Committee continue to be an invaluable part of the arts ecosystem in Arlington.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Castellano

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Work Experience

The Umbrella Arts Center

2020 – Present

Office Administrator

- Created and implemented a system for online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Milton Academy

2019 – Present

Music Tutor

- Develop unique curriculum for each student to teach technique and musicianship.
- Schedule weekly lessons based on students' changing schedules.

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

2018 – 2019

Acting Assistant Principal/Utility Horn

- Performed with the Cincinnati Pops, Ballet, and Opera.
- Participated in "Look Around," a city-wide initiative that resulted in a cross-genre, musical and visual performance for the City of Cincinnati.

New World Symphony

2016 – 2018

Fellow

- Contributed to donor retention through gala interactions, personal phone calls, and performances at donor events.
- Participated in arts leadership workshops on the subjects of budgeting, program design, and negotiation.
- Drafted a proposal and created the "WallChats" podcast designed to foster community among the existing Wallcast audience.
- Collaborated to produce "Blink, Burn," an audio-visual art performance with students from the Pratt Institute.
- Performed as a member of the orchestra under maestro Michael Tilson Thomas.
- Taught as a part of an exchange program with the Iberacademy in Medellin, Colombia.

Community Experience

New World Symphony Mentorship Program

2019

Mentor

- Guided underprivileged students through the college application and pre-screening process.

USC Visions and Voices

2011 – 2014

Volunteer

- Executed various day-of event tasks including running check-in tables and guiding participants through programmed activities.

Education

University of Michigan

M.M. Horn Performance

M.M. Chamber Music

University of Southern California – Summa cum Laude

B.M. French Horn Performance

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June 18, 2020

Nicholas Castellano
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Re: Appointment: Grants Committee of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture (formerly Arlington Cultural Council)

Dear Mr. Castellano:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend a virtual meeting of the Select Board conducted by remote participation, on Monday, June 29th at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Select Board that you join this virtual meeting. This will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

Information which includes the link to the meeting will be available at the bottom of the Select Board Agenda as well as on the Town Calendar when the meeting is posted Thursday, June 25th by 7:00 p.m.

Please contact this office by e-mail, freidy@town.arlington.ma.us, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD
Marie A. Krepelka
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Board Administrator