



## JOINT PRESS RELEASE

### **"CLIMATE EMERGENCY" SERIES TO SHOW AT YARMOUTH'S CULTURAL CENTER** Show Benefits Climate Collaborative, Advances Cultural Center's Commitment to Activism

Yarmouth Port, Mass., May 9, 2022 — The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative and the Cultural Center of Cape Cod are pleased to announce the opening of "Climate Emergency," a fundraising exhibition of new paintings by climate activist Barry Margolin of Yarmouth and the Climate Collaborative's first in-person event since the advent of the Covid pandemic. The show will be displayed at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth and run from May 25-June 18, 2022, with a Gala Opening Reception occurring on Thursday, May 26, from 5–8 pm. The show is free and open to the public, with proceeds to benefit the work of the Climate Collaborative.

The Climate Emergency exhibition will show a series of 58 new paintings by Margolin, climate activist and member of the Climate Collaborative's board of directors. "Threats from extreme weather and coastal flooding make Cape Cod ground zero in the climate crisis and are a defining challenge for this and future generations. The climate crisis inspires my painting, and I can think of no better exhibition outcome than to activate people and support the work of the Climate Collaborative." To make the work accessible, Margolin has priced his art affordably to reach a broad audience.

The exhibit also demonstrates the Cultural Center's continuing commitment to showing art that is a powerful tool for change. The Center's new Executive Director Molly Demeulenaere says, "We strive to bring art to the gallery that makes people stop, think, start a conversation, and take action." Demeulenaere continues, "The Cultural Center looks forward to mounting a future group exhibition representing multiple forms of artists' commitments to a better future." Climate Collaborative Executive Director Richard Delaney adds, "We welcome the Cultural Center as our new strategic partner and are grateful to Barry for initiating this project. Artists have a unique ability to express the climate crisis experience in ways that reach people viscerally, and the Collaborative is encouraging artists of all types — authors, playwrights, filmmakers, musicians, and visual artists — to join with us in developing our new Arts Network at the Climate Collaborative."

Margolin graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston following a long career as a lawyer representing Native American tribal communities across the United States. A climate activist since moving to Cape Cod in 2017, he launched the Cape Cod Climate Emergency Initiative in early 2020, which led to the adoption of climate emergency declarations in fourteen Cape Cod towns.

The exhibit will be on display in the Constantinidis Great Hall of the Cultural Center of Cape Cod, 307 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, MA 02664. An artist's reception will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 2pm to 4pm.

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*About the Cultural Center of Cape Cod:* Our mission is to serve the entire Cape community and visitors to the area by offering instruction, entertainment, and exhibition in the visual, literary, and performing arts. Programming at the Center reflects real needs and priorities which are echoed in our motto – All the Arts for All of Us – and embodied in the diversity of the opportunities offered throughout a campus that boasts five galleries, five resident artist studios, a performance hall, a gift shop, and an Education Wing that features a Culinary Arts Center, Recording Studio, Pottery Studio, Makerspace, Digital Arts Studio, and other assets, especially for under-served populations. The Cultural Center is located at 307 Old Main Street South Yarmouth. To learn more, visit [www.cultural-center.org](http://www.cultural-center.org).

*About the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative:* The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to reduce the Cape & Islands' contributions to climate change and to protect our region from its potentially devastating impacts. For more information, visit [www.capecodclimate.org](http://www.capecodclimate.org).

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