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**Coastal Concerts Volunteer, Joseph Barbaccia, Honored**

Joseph Barbaccia, fine and graphic artist, Georgetown resident and Coastal Concerts board member, is a recent recipient of a 2022 Delaware Division of the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship Award. Born in Philadelphia and a graduate of the Tyler School of Art, Joe spent the eight years after graduation traveling through the U.S. and South Pacific absorbing images and experiences in preparation for his successful, creative art career.

Beginning with work in traditional formats and media, Barbaccia developed a unique style working in polymer clay resulting in colorful, three-dimensional works similar to bas relief. His images have been appeared on covers of multiple publications. He has written extensively on his unique polymer work for Polymer Arts magazine, and his work has been featured in Luzer's Archive 200 BEST Illustrators Worldwide Polymer Journeys (The Art and Craft of Polymer), Creative Quarterly, and the AOI World Illustration Awards.

In 2018, Barbaccia moved to Delaware and has continued pursuit of his passion for art as a member of the Rehoboth Art League, the Milton Art Guild, the Developing Artist Collaboration, the International Polymer Clay Association, and as a valued member of the Coastal Concerts Board of Directors where he is responsible for most of the group's graphic design work. He intends to put his DDoA grant toward showcasing his work regionally and participating in group shows at the Biggs in Dover and CAMP in Rehoboth Beach.

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