

Kentuckians for the Arts NEWSLETTER

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Kentuckians for the Arts (KFTA) is an arts centered organization formed for the purpose of providing advocacy for all arts endeavors across Kentucky. Our vision is to advance a creative Commonwealth and our mission is to promote the value of the arts and arts education for all throughout Kentucky.

KFTA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions such as annual dues and donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

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Celebrate the Arts and Arts Education In September and October

Arts and arts education make a difference in peoples' lives every day, but two special celebrations are coming up.



September 11-17 is **National Arts in Education Week**, time to showcase the importance of providing all students access to learning in the arts and to recognize arts educators who are making a difference. Visit the [Americans for the Arts website](#) for ideas on how to celebrate, a sample resolution to send to local officials, and other resources.



October is **National Arts & Humanities Month**, the largest collective celebration of arts in the United States, and there are plenty of ways to get involved:

Ask your city or county officials to issue a proclamation. You can download a proclamation template to customize from the [AFTA Arts & Humanities Month page](#).

Artists are invited to enter the AFTA "Championing the Creative Spirit" poster competition. Entries are due September 6 at 5 pm ET. Semi-finalists will be announced Sept. 15 and anyone who visits the AFTA website Sept. 15-30 can vote for the winner. More info at the [AFTA website](#).

Visit the [KFTA Facebook page](#) in coming weeks for announcements of additional Arts & Humanities Month events.

A special thank you to our Foundational/ Curator Level members:

Ms. Margaret & Mr. Jeffery Jamner

Gretchen & Aldy Milliken
Kentucky Performing Arts

To become a member of KFTA visit [our website](#).

So you can SAY...
"I support Kentucky Arts"

SUPPORT KFTA THROUGH KROGER AND AMAZON

Kentuckians for the Arts is part of the Amazon Smile program and the Kroger donation program. The programs donate a portion of purchases to non-profit organizations. If you're a customer of these businesses, please register with them to support KFTA.

KFTA's unique Smile link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1557982>

Kroger signup:

Visit <http://www.kroger.com> and log into your Kroger account, then search for Kentuckians for the Arts by name or use the number MR920.

Nonprofit Assistance Fund Applications Due October 1

If your nonprofit organization is planning to apply for funding from the Team Kentucky Nonprofit Assistance Fund, make sure your application is in by 4:30 pm ET October 1.

That's when the [application portal](#) closes for the funding, which is available to Kentucky arts nonprofits to cover up to \$100,000 in net revenue losses between 2020 and 2021. [Guidelines](#) and an [FAQ](#) document are available at the portal, along with other helpful forms. Organizations needing additional assistance can contact the cabinet at kynonprofitfund.help@ky.gov. The Kentucky Nonprofit Network also has a [page of resources](#) to help with the application process.

Disaster Relief Resources

Numerous artists, arts organizations, and arts businesses were impacted by the devastating floods that occurred in late July in Eastern Kentucky. A variety of assistance is available, ranging from disaster relief loans to artist crisis funds, to resources on how to save personal and cultural photographs and other treasured materials. The Kentucky Arts Council has an extensive listing of these resources at its [website](#). Lists of donation sources, needs, and other information can also be found at the [Appalshop](#) and [Hindman Settlement School](#) websites.

Kentucky Poet Laureate Nominations Due Sept. 30

Thirty Kentucky writers have held the honored position of Kentucky Poet Laureate, most recently Casey County native Crystal Wilkinson.

The position was originally established in 1926 by an act of the Kentucky General Assembly. The first poet laureate was James T. "Cotton" Noe of Washington County. Before 1990, poets laureate were appointed to lifetime terms and at times several people held the position simultaneously. In 1990, new legislation made the position a gubernatorial appointment for a two-year term.

Nominations are now open for the 2023-2024 Kentucky Poet Laureate. To be eligible an individual must be a full-time resident of Kentucky and be a published writer. (The word poet in the position's title is interpreted in its broadest sense to include people whose accomplishments are in any recognized literary form, including poetry, fiction, biography, creative nonfiction, playwriting, etc.)

The nomination deadline is September 30. Application info can be found at the [Kentucky Arts Council website](#).

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BRAVO! Awards and Recognitions



Everett McCorvey



Miles Osland

Everett McCorvey Receives Arts Leadership Award

Dr. Everett D. McCorvey is the 2022 recipient of Omicron Delta Kappa's Pillars of Leadership Award in Creative and Performing Arts. McCorvey is a distinguished music faculty member at the University of Kentucky, the director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre, Artistic Director of the National Chorale of New York City, and founder and director of the American Spiritual Ensemble. He is currently chairman of the board of the Kentucky Arts Council.

Miles Osland Receives Educator Award

DownBeat magazine has named Miles Osland, Director of Jazz Studies and Professor of Saxophone at University of Kentucky, as the recipient of its 2022 Excellence Award for Jazz Education. Osland will be featured in the November issue of *DownBeat*— look for it on newsstands in early October.

Two Kentucky Venues Part of South Arts Southern Circuit Documentary Screenings

The University of Pikeville and Lexington's Living Arts and Sciences Center are among the 12 venues selected to be part of South Arts Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. The program connects U.S.-based documentary filmmakers with communities throughout the South for screenings and conversations around important stories and the art of filmmaking.

This year's screenings will begin in September and conclude in April 2023, featuring six films. The first film, *Refuge*, will be shown Sept. 6 at the University of Pikeville and on Sept. 8 at the Living Arts and Sciences Center.

Find out more about the series and the screening schedule at the [South Arts website](#).

***Be a voice for Kentucky arts!
Join Kentuckians for the Arts!***