

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.

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Legislative Funding, Academic Standards Among Upcoming Arts Issues

Important decisions affecting the arts in Kentucky will be made in 2022. Here's how to keep up and voice your opinion.

Kentucky Legislature: The legislature will begin its session January 4. The session will include the adoption of a budget and allocation of some \$1.1 billion in remaining state American Rescue Plan Act Funds. A coalition of Fund for the Arts, KFTA, arts groups, and business leaders has requested that the Governor include funds for arts nonprofits as a component of any ARPA funds program dedicated to nonprofits. After the Governor presents his proposed budget it goes to the legislature for approval.

- Through the [Kentucky General Assembly website](#) you can see the daily legislative schedule; tune in to live coverage of legislative meetings; find out who represents you; contact lawmakers and offer feedback; read bills and resolutions; sign up to through Bill Watch to receive a notice when a bill advances; and see how lawmakers voted.
- Committee meetings and the Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address (Jan. 5) and budget address (Jan. 13) are also shown on [Kentucky Educational Television](#).
- KFTA will be sending out Action Alerts and announcing key developments at the [KFTA Facebook Group page](#).

Arts Academic Standards: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is seeking feedback through January 31 on the current Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Visual and Performing Arts. KDE has set up an online [public comment form](#) for feedback. You can give feedback on all standards or self-selected grade levels of interest. Participants can also voice the opinion to keep the standards as they are.

Note that standards outline what students are expected to know and be able to do in each grade to successfully transition to the next level of learning. The curriculum or methods and resources used to teach the standards is a separate issue and is decided at the local level.

Questions about the feedback effort and process can be directed to KDE at standards@education.ky.gov.

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LOOKING FOR ARTS FUNDING?

Check out the new [Funding Opportunities resource](#) at the KFTA website.

Arts Are Part of Western Kentucky Tornado Impact and Relief Efforts

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky this month, and we know that among those impacted are arts organizations as well as individual artists.

A variety of arts-specific resources are available to help artists and arts organizations. Among them is the National Coalition for Arts Preparedness & Emergency Response Field Guide, designed to help demystify federal disaster relief for the arts and culture sector by helping artists and arts organizations see what's available, understand clearly what isn't available, and decide if pursuing federal aid is a good use of time. The guide is available online at the [NCAPER website](#).

The Kentucky Arts Council has put together an extensive listing of organizations assisting artists and arts groups, at the [KAC website](#). These range from foundations offering assistance to individual artists to sources of advice to institutions and individuals handling collection-related disasters.

The arts community is also stepping up to contribute to the relief effort. A variety of benefit concerts have already been held and others are scheduled for January, including:

- [Oh Boy Records Music for Paradise](#) concert, Jan. 1 at The Burl, Lexington
- Ky. Moose Association [“Stronger Together” concert](#) with Ronnie McDowell and Rhonda Vincent, Jan. 5, Paducah-McCracken County Convention and Expo Center
- [#BGstrong concert](#), Jan.7, SKYPAC, Bowling Green
- [Pennyroyal Arts Council and Fabulous Equinox Orchestra Tornado Relief Benefit Concert](#), Jan. 8, Alhambra Theatre, Hopkinsville

In addition, 45 Kentucky artists organized by Ben Sollee and Daniel Martin have released [Happy Hollerdays 2021](#), an album of 54 songs, with proceeds going to tornado relief. And Woodsongs founder Michael Johnathan has organized an [instrument donation program](#).

Share your information about the tornadoes' impact on the arts at the [KFTA Facebook Group page](#). Share info about relief events at the [KFTA Facebook Bulletin Board page](#).

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Kentucky Artists Chosen for Emerging Traditional Artists Program

Six Kentucky artists are among the 24 chosen for South Arts 2021 Emerging Traditional Artists Cohort program. Over this multi-year program artists will convene as well as receive funding for their individual projects.

Congratulations to:

- Carrie Carter, a fiddle player from Whitesburg;
- Malcolm Davis, a musician and oral history performer from Paint Lick;
- Bradford Harris, a musician and luthier based in Loyall;
- Shaina Naillieux, a quilt maker from Jackson.
- Robbie Teasdale, a potter from Richmond;
- Micah Wiles, a basketmaker from Somerset.

Find out more about these talented Kentuckians and all the Southern artists chosen for the cohort program at the [South Arts website](#).

Frank X Walker to Facilitate Regional Literary Arts Forum

Writers, programmers, small booksellers, employees of small presses or service organizations — and anyone involved in the literary arts landscape field in Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee — are invited to participate in a South Arts Literary Arts Forum January 11, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm ET.

The forum will be facilitated by former Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X Walker and will delve into the state of the field in the South and beyond, current and future trends, and ask constituents what support is necessary for a vibrant literary arts field in the South. Space is limited; register at the [South Arts website](#).

Jackson Confirmed as NEA Chair

“Arts and creativity are core to what it takes to heal our nation, our communities, and ourselves,” said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, upon her Dec. 18 confirmation by the U.S. Senate as the new chair of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Dr. Jackson is the nation’s first NEA chair who is an African American and Mexican American woman. Find out more about Jackson and read her acceptance statement at the [NEA website](#).