

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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Your Support Critical as Ky. Legislature Considers Support for Arts Nonprofits

As the Kentucky legislature continues to work on the budget and considers tax reforms, several proposals that would greatly benefit Kentucky's arts nonprofits are still on the table:

- A coalition of KFTA, the Fund for the Arts, businesses, and arts organizations has requested the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help Kentucky arts nonprofits recover from the pandemic. Coalition representatives have been meeting with Senators to discuss this funding.
- The Kentucky Nonprofit Network has proposed two investments: a \$150 million Nonprofit Sustainability & Recovery Grant Fund for Kentucky nonprofits and an enhanced tax incentives to allow all taxpayers to take advantage of a charitable giving deduction, even if they do not itemize.

Legislators have been receptive to understanding the needs of Kentucky's arts nonprofits, but public support is needed NOW to help move these initiatives forward.

If you personally know a legislator, call or e-mail them with a personal message of support for these proposals. Let them know the specific impact of the pandemic on your arts organization or on the arts in your community

Another way to voice support is to call the legislative message line at 800-372-7181 (M-Th 7am-9 pm, Fri 7 am to 6 pm) and leave a message for your legislators. If you're unsure who your legislators are, you can find out at the [Legislative Research Commission website](#).

Please call ASAP! The arts are critical to Kentucky's economy, tourism, and quality of life. There are more than 1,400 arts, cultural, and humanities nonprofits in Kentucky and some may not survive without support. And in general, national research shows that it will take arts organizations longer than many organizations to build and recover.

Find more info about the coalition request at the [KFTA website](#) and the KNN proposals at the [KNN website](#).

A special thank you to our Foundational members:

Ms. Margaret & Mr. Jeffery Jamner

Gretchen & Aldy Milliken

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To become a Foundational 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 now 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 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.

National Creative Economy Bills Update



Now is also the time to voice support for the unprecedented seven bills relating to the creative economy under consideration in the U.S. Congress. The bills address a wide range of issues and needs in the arts and arts education.

Collectively these bills have received over 400 endorsements to date from organizations in the creative sector (including KFTA and other Kentucky arts organizations) as well as from labor, housing, community development, planning, and business entities.

Find out more about the bills in this [4-page explainer](#). Americans for the Arts has a [form enabling arts organizations to make a single endorsement](#) to all seven acts, as well as a [mechanism for individuals to voice support](#).

Register Now for National Arts Action Summit March 28-30; Attendance Free

Interested in learning more about arts advocacy and in networking with arts supporters across the nation? The National Arts Action Summit, now in its 35th consecutive year, is the only national event designed to bring together a broad cross-section of America's cultural and civic organizations to underscore the importance of developing strong public policies and appropriating increased public funding for the arts and culture.

This year's summit will be held digitally March 28-30. Numerous sessions will address issues such as legislation, the annual appropriations process, and advocacy strategies.

For the first time, attendance is **FREE for both individuals and organizational members**.

Registration is required. Find out more and register at the [Americans for the Arts website](#).

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Apply to Join Arts Standards Team

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is seeking arts teachers of all grade levels to apply to participate in the visual and performing arts standards revision work. Team members will be required to meet five to 10 days beginning in the summer of 2022. The meetings will be conducted virtually, but members may be asked to meet in person on occasion. More information at the [KDE website](#).

KAC Arts Partnership Grants Deadline

March 1 is the deadline for the Kentucky Arts Council's Arts Partnership Grant Program, which provides support for the general operating costs of Kentucky arts and cultural organizations whose primary mission is to provide Kentuckians with year-round arts programming. More info and guidelines at the [KAC website](#).

KFTA Board Member Jane Dewey Among Awards in the Arts Recipients

Jane Dewey, director of arts education for Danville Independent Schools, a theater artist, and a member of the KFTA Board, has been selected to receive the 2021 Governor's Awards in the Arts Education Award. Congratulations to her and to all the award recipients:

- Milner Award: James M. Gifford, Boyd County
- Artist Award: The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers
- Business Award: Paducah Bank
- Community Arts Award: Butler County Arts Guild
- Education Award: Jane Dewey, Boyle County
- Folk Heritage Award: Sue Masek, Washington County
- Government Award: The City of Beaver Dam, Ky.
- Media Award: Louisville Public Media
- National Award: Martha Redbone, Harlan County native

Welcome, New KFTA Members!

Jeremy Kisling

Sharon Larue (renewal)

Barbara Poynter

Austin Vahle

When you join or donate to KFTA, you are supporting advocacy work to benefit arts and arts education across Kentucky. More info at the [KFTA website](#).