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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Kentucky Arts Education Panel Discussion Set for October 27

How are Kentucky arts teachers and teaching artists navigating teaching and learning during the COVID epidemic? Listen in as a panel of outstanding educators from across the state explores this question and other issues related to providing quality arts instruction and experiences in this unprecedented school year.

“Arts Education: Essential for All Kentucky Students,” a virtual discussion, will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 5 to 6 pm ET.

The event is sponsored by Kentuckians for the Arts and the Kentucky Coalition for Arts Education.

The panel will consist of:

• Lydia Austin, dance/PE teacher at Brenda Cowan Elementary in Fayette County;
• Cayce Davenport, visual arts teacher at Adair County High School;
• Melissa Marotta, music teacher at Campbell Ridge Elementary School in Campbell County;
• Delaire Rowe, Executive Director, Arts for All Kentucky; and
• Samuel Lockridge, Arts Education Director, Kentucky Arts Council

Jane Dewey, Director of Arts Education, Danville Independent School District, and a member of the KFTA and KCAE boards, will moderate the conversation.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The event will be on the Zoom platform.

You can register to attend at this link:

https://kfta.wildapricot.org/event-4015372
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2020 Legislative Survey

Do you know what your legislative representatives think about the value of the arts and arts education? Kentuckians for the Arts sent a Legislative Candidate Survey to all eligible legislative candidates with public emails. This brief survey provided the opportunity for those running for the Kentucky House or Senate to share their background, and thoughts on the value of the arts.

The questions and answers from those candidates who responded can be found on the KFTA website News page.

Kentuckians for the Arts encourages Kentucky voters to review, share, and discuss the survey results with friends, neighbors and colleagues. If your candidates didn’t respond to the survey, be sure to ask them these questions when you see them.

Not sure of your Kentucky state House or Senate District? Go to the Kentucky General Assembly Find Your Legislator page.

Kentucky Communities Urged to Recognize National Arts & Humanities Month with Proclamation

October is National Arts & Humanities Month (NAHM)—a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America. Its purpose is to encourage all Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of active participation in the arts.

KFTA sent a message to mayors across the state urging them to customize and issue a proclamation developed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors celebrating and promoting the unique role of the arts and humanities in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country. Mayors were encouraged to work with arts organizations in their community to make the announcement.

Check with your Mayor’s Office about their local plans and please share your local activities at the KFTA Facebook page.

In case your mayor did not receive the proclamation, here’s the sample for you to share with him or her:
NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH
OCTOBER 2020

WHEREAS, the nation’s 120,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation’s 4,500 local arts agencies, and the state arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions including the Kentucky Arts Council, have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month;
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind;
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American;
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country;
WHEREAS, cities and states — through their local and state arts agencies and representing thousands of cultural organizations — have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years;
WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry also strengthens our economy by generating $166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, $27.5 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.6 million jobs;
WHEREAS, the creative economy drives tourism and commerce, supports American workers, and makes up 4.5% of the annual GDP, proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act (S. 650 and H.R. 1519) and The PLACE Act (S. 3232) would support economic development of the creative economy.
WHEREAS, the humanities help diverse communities across the United States explore their history and culture with the support and partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the 55 state and territorial humanities councils, and local educational and cultural institutions;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we [INSERT OFFICIAL NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY HERE] do hereby proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities Month in [INSERT NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY HERE], Kentucky and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said community members in taking action for the arts and humanities in their towns and cities.