

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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Arts & Humanities Month 2022

Why are these Kentuckians smiling (and signing proclamations)? In honor of Arts & Humanities Month!



Murray/Calloway County



Midway

Many thanks to Kentucky elected officials signing Arts & Humanities Month proclamations: Calloway County Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes and Murray Mayor Bob Rogers; Midway Mayor Grayson Vandegrift; Edmonton Mayor Doug Smith and Metcalfe County Judge Executive Harold Stilts; Horse Cave Mayor Randall Curry; Frankfort Mayor Layne Wilkerson; and Governor Andy Beshear.

And a big shout-out to Barn Lot Theater of Edmonton County for a month's worth of fun and creative Facebook posts. (Check them out at the [Barn Lot Theater Facebook page.](#))

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”

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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.

KFTA Legislative Candidate Survey

Kentuckians for the Arts sent a survey to all Kentucky legislative candidates with public emails (170 of the 181 candidates), asking for open-ended responses to questions about their personal involvement with the arts, their attitude toward arts education, and awareness of the role of the Kentucky Arts Council.

Many thanks to the 21 candidates who responded. You can read their unedited responses at the [KFTA website](#).

Get Ready to Advocate in the 2023 Kentucky Legislative Session

As part of Arts & Humanities Month activities in October, KFTA partnered with the Kentucky Arts Council to present a webinar on legislative advocacy. KFTA Board chair Lori Meadows discussed how to begin taking action to advocate for the arts in Kentucky. The webinar included an action plan geared to the General Assembly session that begins in January as well as an overview of the history of arts funding in the commonwealth.

You can watch “Advocacy in Action: Educate and Engage your State Legislators” on the Kentucky Arts Council YouTube channel.

And mark your calendars to be in Frankfort on Friday February 17 for Arts Day, which will include a rally and special activities showcasing Kentucky arts!

Flood Relief Support for Artists

In late October Appalshop announced it is teaming with the Educational Foundation of America to provide direct relief to artists of all mediums impacted by July's floods in Eastern Kentucky. The first 80 qualifying applicants will receive a no-strings-attached check for \$500. Info at the [Appalshop website](#).

Governor's School for the Arts Now Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts. The program is open to current high school sophomores and juniors in nine art forms: Vocal Music, Visual Art, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, Film & Photography, Drama, Dance, Creative Writing, and Architecture & Design.

The application deadline is January 8, 2023. Find out more and how to attend “GSA 101” webinars at the [GSA website](#).

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The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, provides American Rescue Plan funds to Kentuckians for the Arts with federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Applications Open for Big Read Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read project annually provides support to nonprofit organizations to host dynamic community-wide reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read title.

Organizations can apply for funding of \$5,000 to \$20,000 through a grants program managed by Arts Midwest.

The intent to apply deadline is January 18, 2023 for programs occurring Sept. 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Kentucky recipients in recent years have included the Pennyrite Arts Council, Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, and Lincoln County Public Library.

Find out how to apply at the [NEA website](#).

BRAVO! Awards and Recognition



Jude C. McPherson

Jude C. McPherson Named to National Leaders of Color Fellowship Cohort

Jude C. McPherson of Lexington, KY, has been named to the first cohort of the National Leaders of Color Fellowship program. He is among 53 leaders from across the United States who will participate in a strategic leadership development program for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) leaders.

McPherson is a Kentucky Colonel Goodwill Ambassador, an agent for the Kentucky Black Writers Collaborative, a creative writing instructor and building manager at the Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning, and a member of the Affrilachian Poets. Read more about the cohort at the [SouthArts website](#).

Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Inducts Seven

Congratulations to the new members for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame: Norah Lee Allen of Bowling Green, Marty Brown of Maceo, Pete Goble of Prestonsburg, Carly Pearce of Taylor Mill, Tommy White of Louisville, Paul Yandell of Mayfield, and Tee Dee Young of Lexington.