

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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'Tis the Season to Apply!

Application deadlines for a variety of grants and arts support opportunities are coming up in December and early January:

Dec. 1: South Arts Jazz Road Tour Grants

Awards of up to \$15,000 to support artist tours at an array of venues. Info at [South Arts website](#).

Dec. 2: Free People X Americans for the Arts (AFTA) Creative Spirit Fund

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to nominate a teacher for a \$4,000 award to support teaching art, music, dance, theater, creative writing, and other artistic disciplines. Info at [AFTA website](#).

Dec. 2: Team Kentucky Spring 2023 Art Exhibit

Application for artwork to be exhibited at the Kentucky Capitol from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2023. Application at [Gov. Andy Beshear's website](#).

Dec. 8: Ky. Arts Council Artist Relief and Disaster Recovery

Awards of up to \$5,000 to support individual Kentucky artists affected by the western Kentucky tornadoes in December 2021 or the eastern Kentucky floods in July 2022. Info at the [Arts Council website](#).

Dec. 10: South Arts Southern Cultural Treasures Program

Deadline for letter of intent to apply for operating and project grants for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color) organizations that contribute to the history, culture, and vitality of the nine-state South Arts region. Info at [South Arts web site](#).

Dec. 12: Ky. Arts Council Organizational Relief

Awards of up to \$5,000 to support day-to-day costs for Kentucky arts and cultural organizations affected by the western Kentucky tornadoes in December 2021 or the eastern Kentucky floods in July 2022. Info at the [Arts Council website](#).

Dec. 19: Kentuckians for the Arts (KFTA) Youth Arts Council

KFTA invites middle and high school students, college students and young adults not attending college aged 22 and younger to apply to become part of the KFTA Youth Arts Council. Activities will include advocating for opportunities through which youth can engage in the arts in both academic and community settings and advising the KFTA board. Info at the [KFTA website](#).

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

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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.

And More Opportunities Coming in 2023!

Jan. 8: Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)

Current Kentucky high school sophomores and juniors can apply to attend summer 2023 sessions in Architecture & Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film & Photography, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Visual Art, and Musical Theatre. Info at the [GSA website](#).

Jan. 18: NEA Big Read Intent to Apply

National Endowment for the Arts funding of \$5,000 to \$20,000 to nonprofit organizations to host dynamic community-wide reading programs designed around a single NEA Big Read title. Info at the [NEA website](#).

Jan. 19: Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network

Matching grants of \$10,000-\$50,000 to support projects that engage targeted military-connected individuals through experiences of art or art-making. [Info at Mid-America Arts Alliance website](#).

March 15: KAC Performing Artists Directory Application

The Kentucky Arts Council Performing Artists Directory is an adjudicated roster that offers professional development and marketing opportunities for Kentucky professional individual artists, companies or groups in dance, theater, music and storytelling. Info at the [KAC website](#).

New Studies Stress Importance of Music and Arts Education

- In “Music Matters” the Arts Education Partnership explores the importance of music to student learning outcomes.
- In “Music Education and Social and Emotional Learning” the National Association for Music Education shares the correlation between music education and the development of responsible decision-making and other skills.
- “Art for Life’s Sake,” a Commission on the Arts report, explores the vital role arts education plays in developing empathetic, well-rounded, and civically engaged individuals.

Read the three studies at the [CMA Foundation website](#).

How Supportive of the Arts Are Kentucky's U.S. Senators and Representatives?

Interested in knowing how Kentucky's U.S. Senators and Representatives participated in key federal arts initiatives? Check out the 2022 Congressional Arts Report Card compiled by the Americans for the Arts Arts Action Fund. The report is available at the [AFTA website](#).

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BRAVO! Awards and Recognition



An Artistic First at the Kentucky Capitol

If you visit the Kentucky Capitol in Frankfort, be sure to check out its newest sculpture: a bronze of public education trailblazer Nettie Depp by Lexington sculptor Amanda Matthews. In a well-attended ceremony Nov. 11, Gov. Andy Beshear, First Lady Brittany Beshear, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, and the Monumental Women of Kentucky Committee unveiled the work — the first large-scale monument dedicated to a woman inside the Capitol.



And in Paris, a Big Red Boost for Tourism

And we do mean BIG! The new mural of Secretariat painted by Jaime Corum is impossible to miss, spanning some three-and-a-half stories on the side of an historic building. The Kentucky artist joined local Chamber of Commerce and Tourism officials and a large crowd of well-wishers for the official unveiling Nov. 19.