

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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How Has the Pandemic Impacted Your Work in the Arts? Information Needed!

Looking ahead to the Kentucky legislative session in January 2022, KFTA and the Fund for the Arts are gathering information about the impact of the pandemic on Kentucky's arts organizations and artists.

The goal is to share stories and data from across Kentucky with legislators and other elected officials to help them understand the need to include the arts as the state allocates its Kentucky's American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Your impact story can help! What is going on in your organization? Have you lost critical staff or revenue? What effect did those losses have on your ability to re-open and operate? What do you need in order to be able to serve your community in the future?

Contact KFTA Board Chair Lori Meadows at lori.meadows5076@gmail.com to share your pandemic story. And be looking for additional news from the KFTA/Fund for the Art ARPA funding coalition as the legislative session approaches on what you can do to support the advocacy effort.

Find Out More About ARPA Funding at New KNN Resource Web Page

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides over \$3.77 billion for Kentucky, including \$867.8 million in funding for Kentucky counties and \$931 million for Kentucky cities.

With decisions being made at both local and state levels, this is the time to voice your support for key investments in the arts. In fact, your voice is critical. Many officials may not be aware that partnering with nonprofits is an EXPECTED use of ARPA funds.

To help with that effort, the Kentucky Nonprofit Network has launched a new web page with numerous resources to help nonprofits access local ARPA funds. You'll find basic info about ARPA funding, messaging templates and more at the KNN website's [ARPA Resource page](#).

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"

(YOUR NAME HERE)

LOOKING FOR ARTS FUNDING?

Check out the new [Funding Opportunities resource](#) at the KFTA website. Upcoming opportunities include emergency funding for professional dancers; six grants for art museums; and funding for arts collaborations that serve military and veteran families. KFTA will continue to add to this listing as new state and national funding opportunities are announced.

Groundbreaking National Arts Education for All Act Introduced

On Oct. 15, U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME), and Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM) introduced comprehensive legislation in the U.S. to increase access to arts education. It is the first federal level legislation specifically addressing arts education, and while it includes no funding, it would expand the offering of arts education and programming experiences to Americans including our youngest learners, K-12 students, and youth impacted by the juvenile justice system.

What would the bill do?

- Strengthen the ability to use Child Care Development Block grant funding for arts programming.
- Expand Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) plan provisions to include descriptions of how states would support and encourage the offering of arts education staff, instruction and partnership to improve student achievement in all subjects.
- Require State ESSA report cards to include information on arts courses to be included and infuses arts education as an element of K-12 school improvement.
- Increase opportunities for local education agency support for professional development for arts teachers and integration of the arts.
- Strengthen the integration of arts and arts education through the 21st Century Community Centers after school program.
- Provide for states to document how they will coordinate services and activities for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention with state and local arts organizations by utilizing arts education to improve reentry efforts and to reduce recidivism.
- Enhance research activities at the Institution for Education Sciences through a focus on arts and arts ed research.
- Direct the National Assessment Governing Board to reinstate national arts assessments.

Here's a link to the [full legislation](#). The Americans for the Arts Action Fund has a [message link](#) through which you can encourage Kentucky's Congressional representatives to support this important bill.

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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.

KFTA Among Groups Receiving NEA ARPA Funds from the Ky. Arts Council

Kentuckians for the Arts has received a grant of \$2,850 in National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan Act funding. The grant was awarded through the Kentucky Arts Council (KAC). KFTA is proud to be among dozens of Kentucky arts organizations across the state receiving support. BRAVO! (any many thanks) to KAC, the NEA, and the American Rescue Plan for supporting the arts in Kentucky. Visit the [KAC Facebook page](#) to read about the many groups and projects supported.

Workshop Offered for Emerging Arts Leaders of Color

December 1 is the deadline to apply to attend Emerging Leaders of Color (ELC), a free multi-day professional development program for early to mid-career arts administrators of color. This partnership program between regional arts organizations South Arts and WESTAF (Western States Arts Federation) provides tools, continued learning opportunities and a network to administrators of color who seek to move into leadership positions in the arts and culture sector. The workshop will be held in early 2022. Application info at the [SouthArts website](#)

Arts & Humanities Month Celebrated Across Kentucky

BRAVO! to Kentuckians who joined in the recognition of October as Arts & Humanities Month. Gov. Beshear issued a statewide proclamation, as did communities from Prestonsburg to Paducah.



Berea was among Kentucky communities issuing Arts & Humanities Month proclamations. Above, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley and KFTA Board member Vallorie Henderson at the proclamation ceremony on October 5.

