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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Learn How to Effectively Advocate for the Arts at Free KAC/KFTA Webinar

The arts community has been, and continues to be, disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and voicing support for the arts and arts funding is more important now than ever. Individual artists, non-profit organizations, educators, and other creative workers and arts professionals can all play a role in advocating for the arts.

To help Kentuckians build their advocacy skills, the Kentucky Arts Council (KAC), in partnership with Kentuckians for the Arts (KFTA) will present a webinar at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 9. Advocate for the Arts: You Can Do It! will feature a presentation and question-and-answer session led by Lori Meadows, KFTA board chair and former KAC executive director.

In this workshop, part of the Creative Industry Summit Series, you will learn:

• The basics of arts advocacy and the current status of the arts sector in Kentucky.
• The history in reduction of arts funding in the state and how it affects communities.
• How to stay informed and become an advocacy leader for the arts where you live.
• How to establish relationships with elected officials and educate them about the issues.
• When and how to ask for support for the arts both where you live and across the state.

The webinar is free but does require registration. Register at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G9doFbKKS2i3AiNPlN05A

Questions can be submitted in advance during registration or by emailing emilyb.moses@ky.gov
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**Kentucky Communities Honor the Arts**

Here are a few scenes from across Kentucky in October, when KFTA asked community leaders to issue proclamations honoring National Arts & Humanities month. Did your community also celebrate? If so let us know and we’ll include that info in a future newsletter.

![Image of Lexington Philharmonic Board President Colmon Eldridge III and Philharmonic musicians joined Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton at the proclamation announcement.](image1)

Left: Midway Mayor Grayson Vandegrift signs a proclamation declaring October as “Arts & Humanities Month” in Midway with (from left to right) Sally Kinnard, Sonya Conner, Marcie Christensen, artists Debbie Graviss and Ellen Skidmore, and Lori Meadows looking on.

Right: Anderson County Arts Council President Karine Maynard holds a plaque with the proclamation issued by Mayor Troy Young & County Judge Executive Orbrey Gritton.
COVID-19: Sharing Impact and Reopening Plans

As communities work toward restarting businesses and allowing the public back into museums and cultural sites, Americans for the Arts (AFTA) is collecting and sharing reopening plans at its COVID-19 Resource Center. Visit the center to find out what’s going on across the U.S., and if you’d like to share your organization’s reopening plans, you can email them to services@artsusa.org.

AFTA is also continuing to track the ever-growing impact of the pandemic on arts organizations, and Kentucky organizations are invited to complete its revised COVID-19 Impact Survey.

The survey still collects the critical up-to-date estimates needed for collective advocacy efforts but has removed less relevant questions and added short sections on reopening plans and the impact of the racial equity movement.

You can keep up with the survey results by visiting the project dashboard as well as by downloading a handy 1-page summary of AFTA’s COVID-19 impact research.

Estimated impact to date is $14.5 billion. Among the 108 Kentucky organizations that have completed the survey median reported financial impact is $30,250.

Join KFTA in Supporting Kentucky Arts in 2021!

Every facet of the arts community faces new and unprecedented challenges amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As we look ahead to 2021, KFTA is committed to continuing to work to bring together Kentuckians to forge solutions and to keep Kentucky arts alive and strong. If you are a current member, please visit the KFTA website to renew your membership. We hope you’ll also invite you friends to become a part of Kentucky’s arts advocacy organization.

Thank you for your support of the arts in Kentucky! Please share this newsletter with friends and colleagues!