

ELEVATING COMMUNITIES

The Kentucky Museum seeks **\$2,000,000** to continue and expand the **Artist-in-Residence** program.



Project Description

The Kentucky Museum has offered an Artist-in-Residence program for over ten years. This position brings artists and audiences together, helping create relevant and engaging programming for the Kentucky Museum while supporting an artist’s professional development. This program invites an artist (or artists) to the museum for extended periods of time to explore their practice, meet new people, use new materials, and experience life in a new location. The results are often provocative and wide-ranging – including new art-based programs for K-12 audiences, assisting in curricular integration of arts and cultural content for WKU students, promoting new partnerships, and developing new exhibitions and workshops that enhance our community’s quality of life and cultural heritage.

In the past, our Artist-in-Residence has led:

- Workshops on craft techniques unique to Kentucky and international cultures, such as traditional Kentucky basket-weaving and Korean Bojagi.
- Programs for K-12 students and local youth groups, such as the Girl Scouts.
- Assisting with K-12 field trip and traveling trunk programs, including integration of art components.
- Development of new exhibitions, including community collaborations such as “Side by Side” (2015-Present), Summer Camp exhibitions, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Mural. Other exhibitions have included artistic reflections on human rights, immigration, and juvenile detention as well as collaborations with guest artists (such as Patrick Dougherty’s “Stickworks” build in 2018).
- Fostering collaborations with local artisan guilds and programs, such as the White Oak Gathering in 2016 (which include public craft demonstrations) and the WKU League of Sculptors.
- Design of print materials for museum exhibitions and programs.
- Design of digital materials for the museum, including our website.



Due to recent budget reductions, the museum seeks to establish a permanent source of support for an Artist-in-Residence, with priority consideration for artists from diverse backgrounds, including female, minority, and/or low-income artists. This will ensure the museum can continue to hire and retain artists whose craft will substantially contribute to our campus and community offerings while exposing our community to new modes of artistic creation, interpretation, and impact.

Sponsor Benefits

- Positioning as a community leader in and supporter of arts and cultural heritage.
- Lifetime membership as a Friend of the Kentucky Museum.
- Named position at WKU, with name/logo on signage related to position.
- Name/logo included in television PSAs, radio PSAs, interviews, and articles associated with the position.
- Opportunity to have a promotional area within the Museum for brochures, etc.
- Opportunity to meet with the Artist-in-Residence, such as introductory meetings to explore their work, exhibition previews of their work, or other events as determined by the KM Director and Artist-in-Residence.
- Other recognition, developed in consultation with WKU Foundation and KM Director.