



# Seasonal Newsletter

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## Now taking applications!

Bring a guest artist, musician, or storyteller to your school through the [Arts Inclusion program](#). • Provide a [Side by Side program](#) at your school, community center or library. • Offer an After School program, Arts Festival or Camp for your kiddos as a [Special Initiative project](#).

Please visit our [artsforallky.org](https://artsforallky.org) website with recently added accessibility applications for language and other accessibility support.

Contact Catie Bates Robertson at 270-792-0023 or email with your questions. We are happy to help.

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## Arts Inclusion Program

Experiential, inclusionary arts projects in creative writing, dance, drama, music, storytelling, or visual art. Arts for All Roster Artists collaborate with schools and teachers in designing and implementing residencies that interface with curriculum and enhance learning. 25-30 schools in Kentucky are each awarded \$1400 every year. We have a rolling deadline and approved projects will be awarded on a first come first served basis. In-person, visual, and hybrid projects will be considered.

**Apply today!**

**Add YOUR SCHOOL to the list of 2023-24**

## Arts Inclusion project sites:

Alvaton Elementary School in Alvaton  
Barren County Middle School in Glasgow  
Carr Creek Elementary in Litt Carr  
Hart County High School in Munfordville  
South Warren High School in Bowling Green  
James E. Bazzell Middle School in Scottsville  
KY School for the Blind in Louisville  
Lewis County Central Elementary in Vanceburg  
Shacklette Elementary School in Louisville  
Phillip Sharp Middle School in Butler  
Whites Tower Elementary in Independence  
Youth Performing Arts School in Louisville  
Clay County High School in Manchester  
St. Francis of Assisi in Louisville  
Mt. Vernon Elementary in Mt. Vernon  
Lincoln Performing Arts School in Louisville  
Ascension Alternative Academy in Shelbyville

**YOUR SCHOOL!**

Application

Click below for video instructions:



Arts Inclusion Program:  
How to Apply

# The Student Traveling Exhibition

## *"A Matter of Perspective"*

The **2024 Student Traveling Exhibit** includes 25 pieces of artwork created by students with disabilities from schools throughout Kentucky.

- Adair Co Elementary School
- Barren County Middle School
- East Calloway Elementary School
- Hart Co High School
- Homeschoolers
- Hendron Lone Oak Elementary School
- Lewis Co Central Elementary School
- McCracken County High School
- Murray High School

## "A Matter of Perspective"



### 2024 Student Traveling Exhibition

Annual exhibit of artwork created by students with disabilities in Kentucky.

[www.artsforallky.org](http://www.artsforallky.org)

**KENTUCKY** The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, provides American Rescue Plan Funds to Arts for All Kentucky with federal funding from National Endowment for the Arts.



**EDUCATION** Arts for All Kentucky thanks the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Special Education and Early Learning for its partnership in educational programming.

- Murray Middle School
- Pheonix School of Discovery
- Rosenwald Dunbar Elementary
- Sharp Middle School
- Wilkerson Elementary

The exhibit travels to schools, libraries, and art centers annually.

## More Info

# SIDE BY SIDE

Students with disabilities participate in a series of art classes. Then they are partnered with an artist from their community to create a collaborative piece. The final event is an exhibition of all the artists' work. Family and friends are invited to a reception where the artists are recognized for their accomplishments.

To sign up or find out how to bring Side by Side to your community, click on More info.



The registration for  
Bowling Green's  
2024 Side by Side



## program is open!

Classes start Saturday February 10th and continue on Feb 17, 24, March 2, and the collaborations with local professional artists will take place March 9th. These are small classes for focused learning! Lead teachers Kim Soule and Missi Carini will teach gelli printing, watercolor, and clay projects! All classes as well as the resulting exhibition will take place at the **Kentucky Museum**. Classes are filling up quickly!

**For questions or to register email:  
[sonja@artsforallky.org](mailto:sonja@artsforallky.org)**

*The program is made possible through a partnership with Arts for All Kentucky, a non-profit organization that provides arts education and inclusion programs for children and adults with disabilities and funding from the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Special Education and Early Learning, WHAS Crusade for Children, and the Kentucky Arts Council*

**Would you like to offer a Side by Side program in your community or school?**  
Contact Arts for All Kentucky at [programs@artsforallky.org](mailto:programs@artsforallky.org) or call 270-792-0023 for more information.

[More info](#)

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## Teaching Artist Roster News

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### **Please Welcome, Melanie Turner!**

As a singer, songwriter, musician, and certified elementary teacher with over 27 years of experience, Melanie extends her love for music to the community through hands-on workshops, residencies, and performances. Her sessions cater to individuals of all ages, creating an



**Melanie Turner**  
Garrett, KY  
Music

inclusive space where the joy of music becomes a shared experience. Melanie takes pride in being an instructor for the Pick and Bow music program, contributing to the development of aspiring musicians. Additionally, she is a founding member of the all-female band, **Coaltown Dixie**, breaking barriers and showcasing the strength and talent of women in the music industry. Recognizing the importance of arts and education in rural communities, Melanie is also a Partners for Rural Impact Appalachian Teaching Artist Fellow.

## Adults Programs: *Arts for All Workshops*

*Community Partnerships are the best!*

A class of 17 adult painters was hosted by the *Lisa Rice branch* of the **Warren County Public Library**. Positive Directions brought a group in from Morgantown, and **Lincoln Way**. Bowling Green also brought a group. Sonja Byrd From Arts for All Kentucky led the group through some basic color theory exploration blending acrylics on paper. This program was made possible in part by a grant from **The Community Foundation of South Central Kentucky**

**Great job ALL!**



## Artists Registry Announcement: Applications for the Ron Billings Award are being accepted

### Purpose:

To provide professional development funds to encourage promising registry artists with disabilities to further develop their artistic abilities and careers.

How can this opportunity help you?

If you want to take your artistic career to the next level or improve your artistic and/or technical skills in visual or performing arts, you are eligible to apply. You may be needing professional development to learn how to market your work.

### Am I eligible?

You must meet the following guidelines in order to eligible for this award:

- You must be an registry artist
- You must be age 18 or older
- You must be a resident of Kentucky
- You must have a disability (ANY disability; for instance, depression, learning disabilities, hearing impairment, vision loss or blindness, dyslexia, physical or developmental disability).
- Complete the application and return it with all supporting materials to Arts for All Kentucky postmarked no later than April 5.

When will I hear if I receive an award?

- Award selections should be announced no later than April 30.

Would you like to be listed on our Artist Registry?

Learn more about that process [HERE](#). Call or email with any questions.

More info

## The Podcast is BACK!

Join Sam Kirby, Delaire Rowe (former Arts for All KY Executive Director), and guest Preetesh Patel. Preetesh is a serial entrepreneur and board member of Arts for All Kentucky. On this episode we discuss the artwork from Arts for All KY that he puts on display in their unique boutique hotel, Hotel Sync. Let's dive in! [artsforall.transistor.fm](https://artsforall.transistor.fm)

*Special Thanks to the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Department of Education: Office for Special Education and Early Learning.*



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## NEW WAYS TO FUNDRAISE supporting ARTS for ALL KY



### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Arts for All Kentucky is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program now. Through this program, Kroger donates a portion of purchases to nonprofit organizations.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for ARTS FOR ALL KENTUCKY either by name or SG327 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card.

You can now donate directly on our Facebook page OR host a FB fundraiser for Arts for All with this link: [www.facebook.com/fund/artsforallyky/](http://www.facebook.com/fund/artsforallyky/)

**Stay informed, Follow and Like Arts for All Kentucky on [Facebook](#) and/or [Instagram](#)!**

## Thank you!



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