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HAPPY SPRING!

Highlights in this Newsletter Include:

- Kentucky Gives Day, May 12!
- Student Traveling Exhibit Video & Sites
 - Side by Side at Kentucky Museum
- Arts for All & UK Golisano Children's Receive Kentucky Arts Council AAA Project Funding
 - Professional Learning Opportunity



SAVE THE DATE: MAY 12, 2026



Kentucky's 14th annual day of online giving brings charities and Kentuckians, near and far, together for a powerful day of action and philanthropy. At a time when nonprofits face increasing challenges, [#KYGives26](#) on **May 12** is an opportunity to rally together, amplify our voices, and secure critical support. **Please consider [ARTS FOR ALL KENTUCKY](#) for your giving. We rely on your generous support to continue to increase access to the Arts for ALL!**

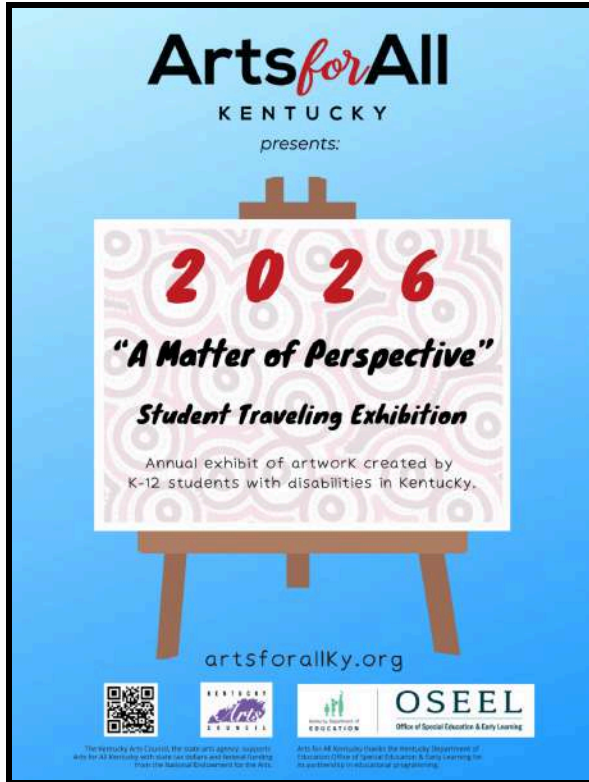


Exhibit Tour Dates School/County

Jan. 12-23
Barren Middle/High
Barren County

Feb. 5-13
Hart County High
Hart County

Feb. 16-27
Rosenwald Dunbar Elementary
Jessamine County

March 2-18
Baker Immediate
Clark County

March 23-April 3
Williamstown School
Grant County

April 16
Phoenix School of Discovery
Jefferson County

April 20-May 1
Currently at:
Wilkerson Elementary
Jefferson County

May 4-May 15
Bullitt East High School
Bullitt County

May 18-June 5
Meade County Public Library

The Student Traveling Art Exhibit, "A Matter of Perspective" is an annual exhibit comprised of original artwork created by students with disabilities from across Kentucky. This art exhibit is available to schools, museums, businesses, libraries, and hospitals across the Commonwealth each year. Teachers are encouraged to submit their students' original artwork each fall (Oct. 20) in order to participate in the exhibition. Upon request Student Traveling Exhibit videos are available with audio descriptions of the artworks.

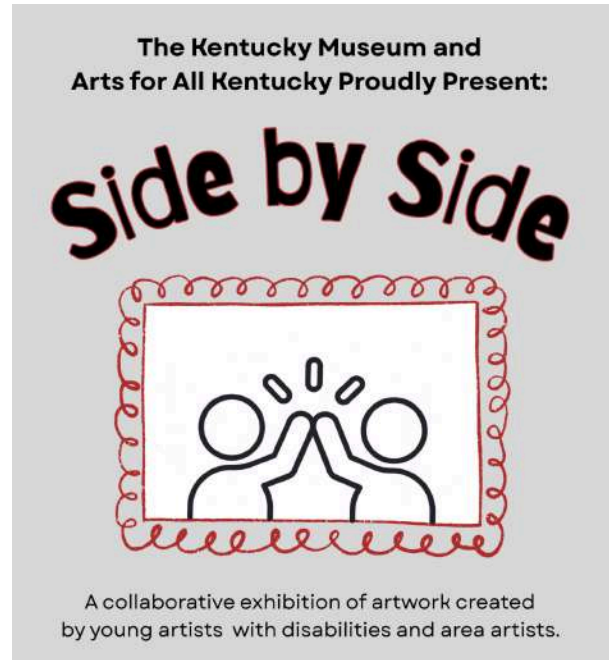
**2026 EXHIBIT
VIDEO HERE**

SIDE BY SIDE YOUTH PROGRAM

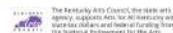
EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY AT THE **KENTUCKY MUSEUM** IN BOWLING GREEN **UNTIL JUNE 19, 2026**

In communities throughout Kentucky, students (K-12) with disabilities participate in visual art or music classes with Arts for All Kentucky teaching artists and other professional artists from their communities. Following a series of classes, students are paired up with professional artists or musicians to create a collaborative piece.

Students and artists are recognized during the opening receptions of the culminating events, where students share their accomplishments with family and friends and the general public. Each Side by Side program is made possible with the help of partnering organizations that provide program sites and resources and of course the students and their families and the creative talents of Kentucky's artists.



THANK YOU!
SIDE BY SIDE SPONSORS:
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Photos below of various artworks including colorful paintings of sunshine, a heart, various cats and photos of cityscapes by participating artists in the Side by Side program at Kentucky Museum in Bowling Green, KY.





GRANT RECIPIENTS!



The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports the Invincible Summer Initiative with state tax dollars from the Kentucky General Assembly and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

We are honored to announce that we received funding for the **Kentucky Arts Council Arts Access Assistance: Arts and Health grant for support of our "Invincible Summer Initiative" partnership with the Child Life Department, Golisano Children's at University of Kentucky.** There will be workshops throughout the summer culminating with an arts exhibit. We are so excited to get this project started and will share with you all along the way.



Professional Development CREDIT Now Available!

Attention TEACHERS! An online Professional Development course via Kentucky Educational Television (KET) is now available so that you may bring some of these accessible arts



[The Collecting Creativity Parent & Caregiver Activity Guide](#) is now available!

activities to your classrooms! Be sure to follow us and/or sign up at KET for PD alerts.

Arts for All Kentucky has been partnering with **Kentucky Educational Television (KET)** to bring the creativity and inclusion of *PBS KIDS' Carl the Collector* into classrooms and homes! Together, we've developed accessible arts projects inspired by the show's themes of friendship, self-expression, and neurodiversity. These fun, accessible activities help students of all abilities explore their creativity while celebrating what makes each person unique. See more about this new guide below!

**Bring us to your school or
community organization!**

**[LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH PROGRAMS
HERE](#)**

- **[Arts Inclusion program](#)**

Bring a guest artist, musician, or storyteller to your school through this program

- **[Side by Side](#)**

This program is hosted at your school, community center, arts organization or local library

- **[Special Initiative](#)**

Offer an after school program, Arts Festival or Camp for your kids or adults

- **Learn more at the website artsforallky.org**

AREN'T SURE WHICH PROGRAM WORKS FOR YOU?
**Contact Catie Bates Robertson at phone: 270-792-0023
or email: programs@artsforallky.org with your questions.**

[Rolling Application Deadlines!](#)

Adult Programs

Classes can be offered in day programs and community settings.

Contact Programs Assistant, **Sonja Byrd** to learn more about these opportunities.
[email: sonja@artsforallky.org](mailto:sonja@artsforallky.org)



Images above are of smiling artists seated at tables working on paintings and holding up artwork made during in adult programs.

Arts for All KY Board Application

Arts for All Kentucky NOW ACCEPTING BOARD POSITIONS

If you are passionate about the arts or an advocate for folks with disabilities or BOTH, the Arts for All Board of Directors might be a good fit for you! Apply at link

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