SKYPAC: PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL 2026

Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC)
PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL
February 16 - April 30, 2026
601 College Street| Bowling Green, KY 42101

2026 CALENDAR

February 27 - April 30, 2026: Exhibition Call Open
April 30, 2026: Application Deadline (by midnight CST)
May 1- May 31, 2026: Selection process by the Public Art Selection Committee
July: Tentative notification of selected artists.
August: Tentative site coordination and installation
Dates TBD: Exhibition period

ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL

Public art brings creativity outside, adding character and beauty to city streets and shared spaces. Outdoor sculpture fosters community identity and provokes thought by bringing art out of museums and into everyday life creating landmarks, promoting social dialogue, and reflecting collective values, history, and diversity.

This outdoor exhibition includes sculptures installed in prominent locations throughout Bowling Green and will serve as focal points of broader revitalization efforts within the City of Bowling Green and Warren County.

LOCATION & SITES

Selected artworks will be installed on City of Bowling Green and Warren County–owned properties, including but not limited to Circus Square Park, the Chamber Walk, Capitol Alley, and various recreational parks throughout Bowling Green, Kentucky. Final site assignments will be determined by the Public Art Selection Committee in coordination with the City of Bowling Green, Warren County, and SKYPAC.

The City of Bowling Green, Kentucky and the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC) invite Kentucky-based artists to submit proposals for new sculptures for sale or to lend existing sculptures to be installed at committee-selected locations throughout Bowling Green, KY.

ELIGIBILITY & EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

- Open to artists **18 years of age or older** who are legal residents of Kentucky and the United States.
- Artists may submit **up to two (2) sculptures**
- Artworks must have been created **between 2022–2026**
- Works completed prior to 2022 will not be considered
- All submissions must be received by the application deadline
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

Once submissions are received, proposals will be reviewed and juried by the **Public Art Selection Committee**, a panel of professional and academic advisors.

SELECTION, SITES & INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Once responses have been recorded, proposals will be reviewed and juried by the **Public Art Selection Committee**, a panel of professional and academic advisors with a broad range of expertise in art, design, and public space planning, in coordination with the City of Bowling Green and Warren County.

SITES & SCALE

- The City of Bowling Green will provide approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) sculpture locations
- All installation sites are located on City of Bowling Green and Warren County owned properties
- Each site will include a granite base measuring 2' x 2' x 2'
- Sculptures approximately 6 feet in height are preferred for many locations.
- Limited opportunities exist for larger-scale works

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

All accepted works must:

- Be suitable for **outdoor installation**
- Be durable enough to withstand **high winds, extreme temperatures, rain, snow, and ice**
- Require **no ongoing maintenance** during the exhibition period
- Be professionally constructed using **durable materials**
- Contain **no fragile or easily damaged elements**
- Be appropriate for **exterior public display**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- All installation sites are located in **moderate to heavy pedestrian traffic areas**
- Proposed works must take **public safety** into account in both design and installation

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- All works must be installation-ready, including appropriate hardware and securing devices
- Sculptures must be securely attached to a durable steel mounting plate or system
- Works must be capable of being bolted directly to the granite base
- Artists are responsible for installing artworks requiring complex installation processes

SKYPAC, the City of Bowling Green, and Warren County may provide **limited equipment and personnel assistance** during installation.

IDENTIFICATION & DOCUMENTATION

SKYPAC will provde identification markers for each sculpture, displaying:

- Title of work
- Artist name
- Donor recognition (if applicable)

SKYPAC, the City of Bowling Green, and Warren County reserve the right to **photograph, document, and reproduce images** of all submitted and selected works for educational, promotional, and publicity purposes without additional compensation to the artist.

HONORARIUM

Each artist whose work is selected and installed for the duration of the exhibition may receive compensation, if any, to be determined upon selection. Payment terms, if applicable, will be outlined in the final agreement. Artists are responsible for all travel, lodging, transportation, installation, removal, and storage costs unless otherwise specified.

INSURANCE & LIABILITY

Artwork is installed at the artist's own risk. Insurance requirements and responsibility for vandalism, damage, or pedestrian harm will be determined in coordination with the City of Bowling Green, Warren County, and SKYPAC. Additional details will be provided to selected artists.

2026 PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL APPLICATION PROCESS

What you'll need for the application/submission form below:

Artist Contact Information

- Your name: Last_First
- Email Address:
- Phone number:
- Website URL:

Image Requirements

- JPG format only
- 72 DPI
- 2200 pixels on the longest side
- File naming convention: **LastName_FirstName_Title.jpg** (Example: Smith_David_LittleRiver.jpg)

Proposal Letter Document (PDF)

Submit one (1) PDF containing information for up to two sculptures.

- File name format: **PublicArt_LastName_FirstName.pdf** (Example: PublicArt_Smith_David.pdf)

PDF Must Include:

- Proposal Letter (1–2 pages)
- Artist Statement (2–3 paragraphs)
- Artist Resume
- Short Biography (2 paragraphs)
- Sculpture 1:
  - Two images
  - Title, materials, dimensions (H x W x D), year created
- Sculpture 2 (if applicable):
  - Two images
  - Title, materials, dimensions (H x W x D), year created

Please upload your proposal letter document as a single PDF in this digital application form.

Ready to submit? Complete the application at TheSKYPAC.com/public-art

Questions regarding this application, please contact:

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