

SKYPAC: PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL 2026

Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC)
PUBLIC ART INVITATIONAL
February 16 - June 1, 2026
601 College Street | Bowling Green, KY 42101

2026 CALENDAR

February 27 - June 1, 2026: Exhibition Call Open

June 1, 2026: Application Deadline (by midnight CST)

June 2- June 30, 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

Questions regarding this application, please contact:

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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.

The City of Bowling Green, Kentucky and the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC) invite artists to **submit existing sculptures or proposals for new works to be created** for installation across outdoor public spaces throughout Bowling Green, KY.

Artists are encouraged to submit either completed works or new concepts, this exhibition is designed to support both.

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.

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Artists may submit work in one of the following categories:

A. Existing Sculptures (Completed Works)

Fully realized sculptures that are available for loan or sale and ready for installation.

B. Proposed Sculptures (New Work to Be Created)

Conceptual proposals for sculptures that are not yet fabricated but will be created specifically for this exhibition if selected.

Proposed works should demonstrate a clear artistic vision, structural feasibility, and the ability to meet all installation and durability requirements outlined in this call.

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**
- **For Existing Works:**
 - Artworks must have been created **between 2022–2026**
- **For Proposed Works:**
 - Artwork may be newly conceived and not yet fabricated at the time of submission
 - Artists must demonstrate the ability to complete the work prior to installation timelines
- 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

Proposals will be reviewed and juried by the Public Art Selection Committee, a panel of professional and academic advisors with 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 provide 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

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)

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)

FOR EXISTING SCULPTURES

- Two images per sculpture
- Title, materials, dimensions (H x W x D), year created

FOR PROPOSED SCULPTURES

- 2–4 concept images (renderings, sketches, or models)
- Title (or working title)
- Proposed materials and dimensions
- Description of fabrication process
- Estimated timeline for completion

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