



LexArts Calls for 2008-2009 Community Arts Grant Applications

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Lexington, KY April 9, 2008 – Applications are now available for LexArts Community Arts Program and Project Grants for activity taking place between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Community Arts grants provide support for arts and cultural activities and are made available to non-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations located in Lexington-Fayette County. The deadline for delivery of applications to ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street is **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 16, 2008.**

All first-time applicants to the Community Arts Grant program are required to attend a grant-writing workshop. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 5:30 PM at ArtsPlace. In this workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to review the application and guidelines and learn about grant resources in Lexington-Fayette County.

Applications and guidelines, as well as a detailed description of program and project grant categories, can also be found and downloaded on www.lexarts.org. For further information on applications and guidelines, contact Nathan Zamarron, LexArts Community Arts Manager, at 859.255.2951 or nzamarron@lexarts.org.

LexArts, through its Community Arts grant program, seeks to encourage and support arts and cultural activities throughout Lexington and Fayette County. Community Arts grants support specific programs and projects with an arts or cultural focus that have clear benefits and are accessible to the general public. Preference will be given to those applicants that hire, partner or collaborate with experienced professional artists and arts professionals. Program and project grants support cultural events such as festivals or celebrations; arts events that primarily target youth; activities involving the literary arts, performing arts and visual arts; and projects that bring art to public places.

Established artists are eligible for Community Arts funding (Project Support only) but must use a non-profit arts organization as their fiscal agent. Some restrictions apply. Applicants are encouraged to visit our website or call LexArts directly to learn more about the funding opportunity and any possible restrictions which might affect their plans.

About LexArts

LexArts is a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky. Through its annual *Campaign for the Arts*, LexArts raises millions of dollars in support of local arts and provides planning and services designed to integrate the arts into our daily lives. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of Beneficiary Groups, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects. Visit LexArts website at www.lexarts.org.

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