

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL FY2025 POETRY OUT LOUD STATE COMPETITION

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Poetry Out Loud® lifts poetry off the page, creating community and connection. Through this program, high school students across the country participate in a dynamic poetry recitation competition that is designed to improve their public speaking skills, help build confidence, and teach them about literary history and contemporary life. A partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and state and jurisdictional arts agencies, Poetry Out Loud® provides free lesson plans and other educational materials to teachers and organizers, including an online anthology of 1,200 classic and contemporary poems.

The program starts at the local level with a school or participating organization. Winners then may advance to a regional and/or state competition, and ultimately to the national finals. Awards and placements are determined solely by judges' scores based on the Poetry Out Loud Evaluation Criteria. Poetry Out Loud takes place in all 50 states, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since the program began in 2005, more than 4.4 million students and 81,000 teachers from 20,000 schools across the U.S. have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

DATE

MARCH 14, 2025 – video submissions with a Zoom announcement of champion and runner-up

KENTUCKY'S POETRY OUT LOUD STATE CHAMPION: JAVANTAE CRANMO of Beechwood High School

This is Javontae's first year participating in the Poetry Out Loud program at the school/state level. Javontae plans to attend the University of Tampa in the fall to double major in Philosophy and English on the Pre-Law track.

KENTUCKY'S STATE POETRY OUT LOUD RUNNER-UP: JOCELYN TREJO-ZETINA of Elizabethtown High School

Jocelyn serves as the co-captain of the Etown Varsity Guard Program, where she works to inspire and lead her team. She is also the founder and president of the Etown Diversity Club, a space dedicated to promoting inclusivity and celebrating the unique backgrounds of the school community. In her free time, she enjoys bonding with her mom through their shared love of thrifting. Jocelyn plans to major in biology and achieve her dream of becoming a doctor.

Seven schools competed:

Beechwood
Walden
Kentucky Country Day School
Saint Xavier
Elizabethtown
George Rogers Clark
Williamstown Ind.

Emcee: Willie Carver

Judges:

Donna Ison
J.C. Mcpherson
Meg Whelan
Sarah McCartt-Jackson

Teaching Artists

Thomas Freese
Dane Hosler
Shannon Woolley-Allison

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Cynthia Warner

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL FY2026 TEACHING ARTIST DIRECTORY PROGRAM

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Teaching Artists Directory is a roster of adjudicated artists of all disciplines, who not only produce high-quality work, but also have the skills and competencies to work in educational settings. The directory serves as a resource for schools and organizations who seek to employ professional teaching artists. Each artist receives a curated profile page on the Teaching Artists Directory featuring a biography, photos, residency plan examples, contact information and links to external content. All approved teaching artists are eligible for teaching residencies in Kentucky schools through the Teaching Art Together Grant.

PANEL DATE

January 29-30, 2025

PANEL CHAIR

Chris Cathers, Kentucky Arts Council Executive Director

PANELISTS

- **Andrea Brown**, Arts Learning Coordinator, Commission on the Arts and Humanities Government of the District of Columbia
- **Maggie Salisbury**, Pike Co. Library Program Directory
- **Elizabeth Haigh**, KAC teaching artist, Louisville

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NOTES: Teaching Artists receive \$80/hour for teaching artist residencies.

**KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL
FY2026 Teaching Artists Directory
Panel Recommendations**

App #	Applicant	Discipline(s)	County	Panel Rec.
TAD260002	Burkey, Daniel	Media Arts, Theatre, Literary Arts	Kenton	Yes
TAD260003	Owens, Brooke	Visual Arts	Kenton	Yes
TAD260005	Miller, Teresa	Visual Arts	Perry	No
TAD260007	Elsherif, Mike	Media Arts	Jefferson	Yes
TAD260008	Sizemore, Kaitlyn	Dance	Jackson	No
TAD260009	Keaton, Duane	Visual Arts	Scott	Yes
TAD260010	McIntosh, Alexandra	Literary Arts	Campbell	Yes
TAD260011	Azubuike, Lucy	Visual Arts	Franklin	No
TAD260012	Beyer, Anne	Visual Arts	Calloway	Yes
TAD260013	Huggins, Betsy	Literary Arts	Jefferson	Yes

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL FY2026 TRANSPARTATION DIRECTORY PROGRAM

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The TranspARTation Directory connects preschool-12th grade schools with field trip destinations that provide high quality artistic experiences. Schools must choose destinations from the TranspARTation Directory when applying for TranspARTation Grant funding. Approved organizations will be in the TranspARTation Directory for three years before requiring reapproval.

PANEL DATE

MARCH 19, 2025 – INTERNAL REVIEW

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KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL FY2026 Transpartation Directory Panel Recommendations

App #	Applicant	Venue	County	Panel Rec.
TRD260005	Amos, Michelle	Lou Tate Foundation Inc DBA Little Loomhouse	Jefferson	
TRD260007	Floyd, Mary	Maysville Mason County Library, Historical and Scientific Association DBA: Kentucky Gateway Museum Center	Mason	
TRD260008	Henson, Phyllis	Marshall County Arts Commission, Inc .	Marshall	
TRD260012	Covault, Nick	The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts	Jefferson	
TRD260014	Prim, Margaret	Pennyroyal Arts Council	Christian	
TRD260016	Isselhardt, Tiffany	Western Kentucky University	Warren	
TRD260017	Fillman, Deborah	International Bluegrass Music Museum, Inc.	Daviess	

TRD260020	Aranda, Adalhi	Bluegrass Youth Ballet	Fayette
TRD260025	Covault, Nick	The Brown Theatre	Jefferson
TRD260026	Covault, Nick	Old Forester's Paristown Hall	Jefferson
TRD260028	Thiel, Susan	University of Kentucky Department of Theatre and Dance	Fayette