



2023 ART IN THE LOOP PROJECT: CALL FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS

Deadline for submissions: Monday, May 22, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

The Art in the Loop Foundation (AILF) is in search of performing artists to bring their creativity to Downtown Kansas City for the **2023 Art in the Loop Performance Series**.

Through a competitive, open-call process, AILF selects local artists to perform along and near the KC Streetcar route as well as at other sites in Downtown Kansas City. This performance series will feature multi-sensory performances such as spoken word, dance, music, improv, etc., while also highlighting the visual artworks installed along the KC Streetcar route.

Artists will receive a stipend for their work and selected artists will perform at one of five Art in the Loop events:

- June 21st: Kick-off Ceremony at the Central Library
- July 12th: Summer evening concert at Oppenstein Park
- August 16th: 816 Day at City Market
- September 13th: Outdoor Performances at Streetcar Stops
- November 8th: Closing Reception at the Central Library

2023 Theme/Prompt: Celebrate

How do you celebrate? This year we are asking artists to show us how/what they celebrate in their lives. This could be the celebration of art, identity, culture, community and more. How do you reflect celebration in your artwork and art practice, your community, and your city?

For the 2023 Art in the Loop Performances, we are looking for artists to respond to these questions and to explore their vision of celebration. Proposed performances should reflect these questions and ideas in ways that engage and stimulate Kansas City audiences through public performances.

Eligibility:

Professional artists, musicians, spoken-word artists, dance artists, and other performers, at least 18 years of age residing within 50 miles of Kansas City are eligible.

Art in the Loop Mission:

The mission of the Art in the Loop Foundation (AILF) is to contribute to the visual identity, enrichment, and revitalization of Downtown Kansas City, create new opportunities for artistic development, and expand public interaction with new art of excellence. AILF values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive art community.

To be considered, you may submit a proposal for either of the three following categories:

Please review the details below. You may apply for multiple categories and events; however, you will have only one performance if you are selected. The categories are:

- 1) Performing Arts: Music
- 2) Performing Arts: Dance, Theater, Improv etc.
- 3) Literary Arts: Spoken Word, Poetry, etc.

How to apply:

Follow [this link](#) to the online application. In addition to a brief project proposal, you will be asked to provide a written artist statement and video or audio samples of past work, no more than five minutes total.

Requirements for selected artists:

- Descriptive material and photo for the website - Artists will provide a brief written description of their work and provide a photo for the project website.
- PR and marketing materials - Artists will provide written content to assist in developing press releases, programs, and other materials.
- Kick-Off Event & Reception - Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library. Artists will be invited to attend.
- Closing Reception - Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the Kansas City Public Library Central Library. Artists will be invited to attend.

Art in the Loop will provide:

- Web presence for each project/performance on artintheloop.com
- Social media, PR, and other marketing and promotional efforts
- Logistical support and coordination with property owners and partners
- Documentation of projects (still photography and video as available)
- Printed summary catalog of entire project

Contact **Performing Art Director, Jade Osborne, jadeosborneart@gmail.com** or **Program Director, Ann Holliday, ann@downtownkc.org** with any questions.

2023 ART IN THE LOOP PROJECT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

A. Performing Arts: Music

Open-call for musicians (solo artists, duos, bands, groups) to perform as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance will last approximately one hour. A **\$400** artist's fee will be provided. One artist/performer/group will be selected for each event listed in the below schedule chart.

B. Performing Arts: Dance, Theatre, etc.

Open call for dance, theater, and/or other performers (solo artists and/or groups) to perform as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance should last approximately 30 minutes to one hour. A **\$500** artist's fee will be provided. One artist/performer/group will be selected for each event listed in the below schedule chart.

C. Literary Arts: Spoken Word, Poetry, etc.

Open-call for Spoken Word and/or Poetry Performers (solo artists and/or groups) to perform as part of **Art in the Loop: Summer Performance Series**. Each performance should last approximately 30 minutes to one hour. An artist's fee of **\$200** will be provided. One artist/performer/group will be selected for each event listed in the below schedule chart.

Equipment Note:

It is preferred that performance artists bring their own audio equipment. Access to electricity will depend on the performance location. Artists should bring extension cords and other necessary equipment.

Event	Location	Performance Dates	Time	Access to Electricity
Kick-off Event	Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W 10th Street (Indoors)	Wed., June 21	5:30 p.m.	Yes
Summer Performance	Oppenstein Park, 12th & Walnut (Outdoors)	Wed., July 12	5:30 p.m.	Yes
816 Day Concert	City Market (Outdoors)	Wed., Aug. 16	5:30 p.m.	Yes
Art Walk + Performances	At KC Streetcar Stops (Outdoors)	Wed., Sep. 13	5:30 p.m.	Maybe
Closing Reception	Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W 10th Street (Indoors)	Wed., Nov. 8	5:30 p.m.	Yes

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