



NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL



SUPPORT THE ARTS LICENSE PLATE

Available for purchase NOW!

The Nebraska Arts Council is elated to announce that you may now purchase Nebraska's very first Support the Arts licesense plate!

"The Nebraska capitol building's beautiful mosaics, largely designed by renowned artist Hildreth Meiere, inspired the mosaic design for this license plate. Mosaics only work when all the pieces fit together. When the pieces come together in the correct position, orientation, and color, only then do we see the whole picture. By using this mosaic metaphor, this license plate represents the magic when all arts are accessible to the community to create something wonderful." -- License plate artist, Danielle Dewees, Bennet, NE.

Great news, you don't have to wait until your current plates expire to upgrade to the Support the Arts license plate!! \$5 alphanumeric/\$40 personalized.

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Session 1: Discussions and Decisions

Wednesday, Feb 10th at 1:00pm CST

The pandemic has had an undeniable impact on theaters, artists, and nonprofit arts organizations. For some, the impact has spurred questions related to financial stability, mission impact and the very survival of their organization. But, where should these discussions start, who should they include, and what should be examined to help determine whether your organization can weather the continuing storm? Led by Nebraska Arts Council staff and concluding with a Question & Answer session, Winding Down: Discussions and Decisions will provide tips and tools to help you examine your organization's position and decide whether closing, merging with another nonprofit, going dormant, or staying the course is the right option for you.

[Register Here](#)

WATER COOLER SESSIONS

Making Virtual Events More Accessible

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 1:00 PM CST

Join us Thursday, February 18th at 1:00 pm Central Time for our monthly Water Cooler Series. This month we're working together with Nebraskans for the Arts and focusing on how to make our virtual events more accessible. Brad Holt from Sorenson Communications will talk about how to work with ASL interpreters in a virtual platform. Bill Graham from Caption Access will explain how captioning works in a virtual world. Donna Faust Amen from Outlook Nebraska will visit about audio description. Linda Hilliar, Program Coordinator at NAC, will talk about different grant programs that are available to help with these services.

[Register Here](#)

Virtual Event Form

Virtual events are a way for arts organizations to stay in contact with their patrons. It also provides a way to reach an entirely new audience that may not have been able to participate previously, either due to distance, time or resources. The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) is gathering information about virtual events in an effort to share these resources with other arts organizations and the public in general. If your organization is providing virtual events, please fill out the form below. All information will be gathered by NAC and a compiled list will be available at a later date. Please note, this is not an events calendar, but a resource listing for virtual events.

[Link to Form](#)

Announcing 2021 IAF Recipients for Literature

The Individual Artist Fellowship program recognizes exemplary work by Nebraska artists and provides support through public recognition and monetary awards of \$1,000-\$5,000. Professional, out-of-state jurors adjudicate work according to the merit of the artists' work. The program rotates annually, highlighting different artistic disciplines each year.

\$5000

Kristine Langley Mahler, nonfiction * (Ralston)

Matt Mason, poetry * (Omaha)

\$2500

Kassandra Montag, poetry and fiction * (Omaha)

Theodore Wheeler, fiction* (Omaha)

\$1000

Benjamin Vogt, nonfiction * (Lincoln)

Heidi Hermanson, poetry* (Omaha)

Sarah McKinstry-Brown, poetry (Omaha)

Saddiq Dzukogi, nonfiction * (Lincoln)

Miles Waggener, poetry (Omaha)

*First time award recipients

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Meet Sondra Jonson

Sondra L. Jonson of S. L. Jonson Studios began planning her career in art at the age of 5. Her studio, established in 1985, has produced a large line of sculptures, from miniatures to monuments, for clients throughout the United States and in Europe. Jonson, a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bryn Mawr College, and a former student of EvAngelos Frudakis, has developed a signature style which is both classical and contemporary, powerful yet tender, always sensitive to form, color and message.



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Ra Joy, Sonia Chala Tower, Ben Kessler, and Jenn Change.

National Endowment for the Arts Announces Biden-Harris Appointees

Washington, DC—The National Endowment for the Arts announces four political appointees designated for senior positions at the agency by the Biden-Harris Administration. These accomplished professionals will bring their expertise to the Arts Endowment to advance priorities for the new administration.

They are Chief of Staff Ra Joy, White House Liaison and Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff Jennifer (Jenn) Chang, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Sonia Chala Tower, and Congressional Liaison Ben Kessler. The previous political appointees along with former chairman Mary Anne Carter left the Arts Endowment on January 20.

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